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Preface.

THE Church Services which prevail most widely in this country have been developed out of the extremely simple worship first introduced by the Pilgrims and other early settlers of New England. The process of development is still in progress. In their present somewhat complex form they are indigenous to our soil, and, contrasted with those orders of worship which, imported from the old countries, have not been materially changed, they may be characterized as American.

The Pilgrims accompanied their preaching with extemporaneous prayers and the singing of psalms. Cotton Mather * gives the morning order as practised in New England in the first quarter of the last century. It consists of (1) The Long Prayer, (2) A Psalm sung, (3) The Sermon, (4) The Short Prayer, (5) The Benediction. He says that in the afternoon a second psalm was sometimes sung after the short prayer. The reading of the Scriptures as an act of worship had no place. Its introduction was a later innovation.

With choirs came a broader use of sacred music. The gradual expansion of the primitive method re-

* *Ratio Disciplinæ, etc.*, Boston, 1726.

sulted in making the following order of worship very common fifty years ago: (1) Anthem, (2) Invocation, (3) A Metrical Hymn, (4) Scripture Reading, (5) The Long Prayer, (6) Hymn, (7) Sermon, (8) Prayer, (9) Hymn, (10) Doxology, (11) Benediction. This order has since been enriched by interpolations, such as choir responses; the singing of anthems, among which the old church hymns, Te Deum, Gloria in Excelsis, Gloria Patri, and others have become conspicuous; reciting of the Lord's Prayer; the Apostles' Creed; the use of Responsive Readings. All churches now use some of these, some churches use all of them; but in their use there is no uniform order, nor does the arrangement of the service always reveal a careful study of the subject of worship, which, under the present tendency to enrichment, is becoming of sufficient importance to demand rank as a special department of the pastor's education.

The American Book of Church Services gives expression to this home growth while aiming to reduce its results to something like uniformity. The order adopted is in nearly every service that which has for a long time been customary in the greater part of the churches of this country, and an effort has been made to group into suitable form under that order those elements which have gradually come into use. The adherence of the book to the traditions of this indigenous order, and its purpose to present only a legitimate outcome of it, may, it is hoped, justify a title which might otherwise seem presumptuous. Such a title calls attention to the existence of a method of worship which has grown up under the conditions of our national life, and is crystallizing into definite

form, under the exercise of its liberty to adopt and assimilate to itself whatever is best in ancient or modern liturgical usage. In the midst of a wide discussion of the possibilities of a national liturgy, the title reveals the significant fact that a worship properly American has long been in process of formation under the natural law of adaptation to surroundings, and is now assuming a more rapid development by the introduction of varied material. In this growth we repeat the history of every national worship, which, when left free to express the spiritual wants of the people, presents upon the basis of Christian unity a superstructure that differentiates it from all others.

The services here offered to the churches lay no claim to perfection, though they are the result of prolonged study of the subject of worship in its ancient methods and in its adaptation to the wants of this stirring age. They are also the result of delightful experiences in the active pastorate. This is true of the Morning and Evening Services, which, substantially as here given, have been in successful use; and it is peculiarly true of the Fuller Communion Service, which has, in its main features, been tested in a church composed largely of laboring people, and has been proved by most happy results in respect of unanimity of endorsement and of spiritual enjoyment.

The book does not offer a special order for every Sunday of the year. It assumes that each church will adopt one order for the morning and another for the evening to be used continuously. Variable elements are left to the choice of pastors, who will usually prefer to select these parts, including anthems and other choir pieces, with special reference to the

theme of the sermon, which thus becomes the cause of a pervading unity of thought and feeling.

To meet the wants of the greatest possible number, two arrangements each for Morning and Evening Service are offered to the choice of churches. One of these is simple, the other more complex. With the same purpose, two orders for celebrating the Lord's Supper are offered, as is also a Vesper Service without sermon. For Baptisms, Marriages, and other Occasional Ministrations, forms have been prepared with sometimes an alternate.

Under the plan of printing in each order those parts which are constant or are likely to come into most frequent use, the repetition of anthems and other elements was not to be avoided. It was thought that pastors and congregations would prefer to have the material, so far as possible, printed in its proper place, rather than search for it in other portions of the book.

When services are complex, conscientious attention to details is essential. Pastors should request their congregations to observe the suggestions in regard to attitudes in worship. Of considerable importance is the conspicuous posting of hymns, choir calls, and anthems in sight of the congregation, that without other announcement the people may join in them by a spontaneous movement, or may devoutly follow the texts of them, which for this purpose have been printed.

Prayers.

In some of the services prayers have been inserted. They are not designed to exclude extemporaneous

prayer, but to aid and if desired to supplement it. To those who do not use them, they may be valuable as indicating, especially in the Communion Service, the proper subjects of prayer at each stage, and may become models. These prayers have been drawn from the most varied sources, in the Eastern and Western Church. In each case the source is indicated. Besides fresh translations from Renaudot's famous work on the Liturgies of the Eastern Church, some of Neal's translations have been adopted, and Bright's Ancient Collects has been a valuable aid. Available books of service have also been used. In comparatively few instances has it been thought desirable to propose new prayers, but the liberty of free translations, and even of occasional alterations, has not been refused when, in a prayer otherwise valuable, ancient phraseology seemed liable to be misunderstood, or where later errors of doctrine have found expression.

Litanies.

In behalf of the Litany should be said that it is above all others the prayer of the congregation. Its use cannot be too strongly urged. It helps the young to participate in public and private worship; it fosters the feeling of fellowship more than does any other form of prayer. But in our litany we must express the needs of our times. For this reason new litanies must be prepared for use in public and in the family as the conditions of life change. The litany is the cry of the people out of present necessity. These considerations have not prevented the insertion with others of the litany of the Episcopal Church, conse-

crated by long use. In furtherance of participation in prayers, the "Amen" has in these services been usually assigned to the congregation. The Collection of Prayers and Thanksgivings for Various Occasions is designed not only for public but also for family worship.

Responsive Readings.

In the arrangement of Responsive Readings for use in public worship historical and exegetical considerations must necessarily be subordinated to the devotional purpose. The Selections have been grouped under a few leading heads, which do not lay claim to exact discrimination, but may guide the minister to a choice in harmony with the theme of his discourse. He will be further aided by the title of each Selection, which usually expresses some dominant thought of that Selection. In some cases these headings and titles might, no doubt, be equally well replaced by others. The Psalms admit of only a loose grouping after the plan adopted. The heading "Didactic" is less satisfactory than the others, but on the whole nothing so well expresses the general impression left by reading many of the Psalms, whether they be prayers, or hymns of praise, or more direct recitals of ethical principles. The term must be regarded as only broadly indicative of this impression.

No definite rule has guided the breaking up of the Psalms into responses. The verses have to a great extent been followed, but where they too sharply interrupt the thought they have been disregarded. When the same response recurs in a Psalm care has been taken to assign it to the congregation. In gen-

eral a choppy or strongly staccato movement has been avoided. The portions of Scripture which make up a single reading have been chosen with such reference to kinship of thought as might constitute each Selection a lesson.

Throughout the Selections, as in nearly all places, the Revised Version has been used. For musical purposes the texts used by the composers have necessarily been followed.

The Christian Year.

The Christian Year is happily more and more regarded by churches of all denominations. A few definite references to it have been submitted, but these constitute only a small part of the material given from which choice can be made for the historic days of the church. The book has assumed that the needs of such occasions would be best met by presenting abundant material to the discretion of an intelligent and devout ministry.

Music.

Besides the musical texts which have been printed in each service, a somewhat extended collection of choir calls, anthems, etc., has been prepared for the aid of pastors and choristers. In this collection the texts have also been printed and numbered, that they may be announced to the congregation which may thus follow the words as they are musically rendered. The music recommended is of a type distinctly sacred. A general guarantee of its excellence is to be found in its selection by Dr. B. C. Blodgett, Professor of Music in Smith College, to whom the author of this work is

indebted for valuable aid, and for some of his most happy experiences in the conduct of public worship. That a considerable number of the compositions cited should be from the pen of Professor Blodgett might be expected from his eminence as a worker in the cause of sacred music, from his superiority as a composer, and because many of these pieces are endeared to his former colaborer by the most hallowed associations.

Length of Services.

Rightly conducted, these services will scarcely exceed the usual length. In this matter much depends upon the judgment of the minister in making his selections. A word of caution should be given against the too frequent prolongation of anthems, and especially of choir responses. The latter should always be short, and may often be replaced by an organ response. In the morning services the Hymn of Aspiration should never contain more than two verses, and the Hymn of Praise not more than two or three. In respect of time consumed, as well as of spiritual impression, that music will usually be found most serviceable which proceeds with directness to its goal, with but little repetition and in stately though simple movement.

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The Shorter Order of Morning Service.

OBSERVATIONS.

This service omits the Response after the Lord's Prayer, the Second Scripture Lesson, the Apostles' Creed, and the Offertory Prayer, which are contained in the Fuller Order of Morning Service.

Should the minister prefer to use the offertory sentences with responses, the service will not thereby be prolonged, as these will continue only during the time of collecting the offerings.

In the Hymn of Aspiration not more than two verses should be used, and not more than three in the Hymn of Praise. The former of these should express satisfaction with the day of rest, or the house of God, or a longing for God and his worship, or some kindred sentiment.

The Hymn of Praise, being the response of the congregation to both the Pastoral and the Choir Calls to Worship, which usually summon the people to praise, is designed to be distinctly what the name indicates.

The minister may easily give to all the parts selected a tone in harmony with the theme of the sermon, and thus prepare the way for the presentation of the truth.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

After the Organ Voluntary the minister reads as many as may seem to him convenient of the following

SENTENCES.

[Congregation sits.]

THIS is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Ps.* 118: 24.

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. *Hab.* 2: 20.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. *Is.* 6: 3.

God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. *John* 4: 24.

Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 *Sam.* 15: 22.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. *Mat.* 5: 6.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. *Mat.* 5: 8.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. *Ps.* 32: 1.

For we have not a high priest that can not be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. *Heb.* 4: 15.

For the law was given by Moses; grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. *John* 1: 17.

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. *John* 1: 18.

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; and he died for all, that they which live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again. 2 *Cor.* 5: 14, 15.

Now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first fruits of them that are asleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 1 *Cor.* 15: 20, 21.

For Christ entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us. *Heb.* 9: 24.

Then is sung by the Congregation

THE HYMN OF ASPIRATION.

[Congregation stands.]

Then is given

THE PASTORAL SALUTATION.

[Congregation stands.]

THE Lord bless thee, and keep thee:

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen. *Num.* 6: 24, 25, 26.

Here follows

THE PASTORAL CALL TO WORSHIP,

which may consist of one of the following passages from the Psalms, or such other as may be found in the Collection of Pastoral Calls to Worship.

[Congregation sits.]

GIVE unto the Lord, O ye sons of the mighty,
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name;
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The Lord sat as King at the flood;
Yea, the Lord sitteth as King for ever.
The Lord will give strength unto his people;
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ps. 29: 1, 2, 10, 11.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous:
And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Ps. 32: 1, 2, 11.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all the earth:
Sing forth the glory of his name:
Make his praise glorious.
Say unto God, How terrible are thy works!
Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.
All the earth shall worship thee,
And shall sing unto thee;
They shall sing to thy name. *Ps.* 66: 1, 2, 3, 4.

SING unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth;
O sing praises unto the Lord;
To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which are of old;
Lo, he uttereth his voice, and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye strength unto God:
His excellency is over Israel,
And his strength is in the skies.
O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places:
The God of Israel, he giveth strength and power unto his people.
Blessed be God. *Ps.* 68: 32, 33, 34, 35.

Let the Pastoral Call to Worship be seconded by

THE CHOIR CALL TO WORSHIP,

which may be one of the following, or any one taken from the Collection of Choir Calls to Worship.

2 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits,
Even the God of our salvation.
He that is our God is the God of salvation;
And unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.
Ps. 68: 19, 20.

7 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem:
Praise thy God, O Zion.
For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates:
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
He maketh peace in thy borders,
And filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
Ps. 147: 12, 13, 14.

6 O praise the Lord, all ye nations:
Praise him, all ye people.
For his merciful kindness is great toward us:
And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* 117: 1, 2.

5 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever. *Ps.* 107: 1.

To these Calls to Worship let the whole Congregation respond in

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.

[Congregation stands.]

After the Hymn comes

THE INVOCATION,

[Congregation stands.]

closing with

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

[Congregation stands.]

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Here may be collected

THE OFFERINGS,

when any are to be made.

During the Collection verses may be recited from the Offertory by the Minister. After the Offerings may be given

THE NOTICES.

Here may the Minister read

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON.

After the Scripture Lesson may be said or sung

THE MORNING ANTHEM,

which may be one of those here following, or one taken from the Collection of Anthems, or such other as the Minister may approve.

1. *Venite, exultemus Domino.* Ps. 95.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God; and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

2. *Gloria in excelsis.*

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

3. *Jubilate Deo.* Ps. 100.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

4. *Benedictus.* Luke 1 : 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.

5. *De Profundis.* Ps. 130.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

6. *Magnificat.* Luke 1 : 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat; and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

7. *Benedictus es, Domine.*

BLESSED art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: Praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the name of thy majesty: Praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness: Praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the cherubim: Praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: Praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: Praised and exalted above all for ever.

8. *Te Deum laudamus.*

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee, all angels cry aloud; the heavens, and all the powers therein.

To thee, cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
The Father, of an infinite majesty;
Thine adorable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
And we worship thy name ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

After the Anthem comes

A SELECTION FOR RESPONSIVE READING.

[Congregation stands.]

Here follow in order

THE PRAYER.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

[Congregation stands.]

THE SERMON.

PRAYER.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

[Congregation stands until the Close of Service.]

THE DOXOLOGY.

THE BENEDICTION.

SILENT PRAYER,

closed by an

ORGAN CHORD.

The Fuller Order of Morning Service.

OBSERVATIONS.

This service is designed for a sermon occupying from thirty to thirty-five minutes. Here, as in the shorter morning service, the Hymn of Aspiration and the Hymn of Praise should have the distinct character specified in the observations preceding that service. The former of these hymns should have two verses, and the latter two or three verses.

A Morning Litany has been prepared for occasional use, the petitions of which spring more especially from the present conditions of our social life. The Litany of the Protestant Episcopal Church has been printed for any who may prefer to use it. If used, these litanies are supposed to take the place, for the most part, of other prayers at that point in the service.

Devoutness will be greatly furthered by adherence to the directions given as to attitudes assumed by worshippers, and especially by continuing the attitude of devotion during the short organ responses after the prayers.

No choir responses have been introduced after the prayers. They may, if preferred, be used in place of the organ responses, but, if used, should be short, and should be treated by the Congregation as a proper continuation of the prayer.

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Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. *Is.* 6: 3.

God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. *John* 4: 24.

Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 *Sam.* 15: 22.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. *Mat.* 5: 6.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. *Mat.* 5: 8.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. *Ps.* 32: 1.

For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. *Heb.* 4: 15.

For the law was given by Moses; grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. *John* 1: 17.

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. *John* 1: 18.

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; and he died for all, that they which live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again. 2 *Cor.* 5: 14, 15.

Now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first fruits of them that are asleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 1 *Cor.* 15: 20, 21.

For Christ entered not into a holy place made with hands like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us. *Heb.* 9: 24.

Then is sung by the Congregation

THE HYMN OF ASPIRATION.

[Congregation stands.]

Then is given

THE PASTORAL SALUTATION.

[Congregation stands.]

THE Lord bless thee, and keep thee:

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Num.* 6: 24, 25, 26.

Congregation: Amen.

Here follows

THE PASTORAL CALL TO WORSHIP,

which may consist of one of the following passages from the Psalms, or such other as may be found in the Collection of Pastoral Calls to Worship.

[Congregation sits.]

GIVE unto the Lord, O ye sons of the mighty,
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name;
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The Lord sat as King at the flood;
Yea, the Lord sitteth as King for ever.
The Lord will give strength unto his people;
The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Ps. 29: 1, 2, 10, 11.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous:
And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.
Ps. 32: 1, 2, 11.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all the earth:
Sing forth the glory of his name:
Make his praise glorious.
Say unto God, how terrible are thy works!
Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.
All the earth shall worship thee,
And shall sing unto thee;
They shall sing to thy name. *Ps.* 66: 1, 2, 3, 4.

SING unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth;
O sing praises unto the Lord;
To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which are of old;
Lo, he uttereth his voice, and that a mighty voice.
Ascribe ye strength unto God:

His excellency is over Israel,
And his strength is in the skies.
O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places:
The God of Israel, he giveth strength and power unto his people.
Blessed be God. *Ps.* 68: 32, 33, 34, 35.

Let the Pastoral Call to Worship be seconded by

THE CHOIR CALL TO WORSHIP,

which may be one of the following, or such other as may be found in the Collection of Choir Calls to Worship.

2 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits,
Even the God of our salvation.
He that is our God is the God of salvation;
And unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.
Ps. 68: 19, 20.

4 O sing unto the Lord a new song;
For he hath done marvellous things:
His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.
The Lord hath made known his salvation:
His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel:
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. *Ps.* 98: 1, 2, 3.

8 Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits;
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.
Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts;

Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
Bless the Lord, all his works,
In all places of his dominion;
Bless the Lord, O my soul. *Ps.* 103: 1, 2, 3, 4, 21, 22.

5 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good;
For his mercy endureth for ever. *Ps.* 107: 1.

6 O praise the Lord, all ye nations;
Praise him, all ye people.
For his merciful kindness is great toward us;
And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* 117: 1, 2.

7 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem;
Praise thy God, O Zion.
For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates;
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
He maketh peace in thy borders,
And filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
Ps. 147: 12, 13, 14.

To the Choir Call to Worship let the whole Congregation respond in

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.

[Congregation stands.]

Here follows

THE INVOCATION,

[Congregation stands.]

which may be offered by the Minister alone, or responsively by Minister and People. If by Minister alone let him say:

BE thou exalted, O God, above the heavens,
Let thy glory be above all the earth. *Ps.* 57: 5.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
According as we have hoped in thee. *Ps.* 33: 22.

O Lord, let thy presence be manifested among us.
Shine thou in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of thy glory,
In the face of Jesus Christ. 2 *Cor.* 4: 6.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my rock, and my redeemer. *Ps.* 19: 14.

Or if by Minister and People responsively;

Minister: Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens,
Congregation: Let thy glory be above all the earth.
Minister: Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
Congregation: According as we have hoped in thee.
Minister: O Lord, let thy presence be manifested among us.
Congregation: Shine thou in our hearts,
Minister: To give the light of the knowledge of thy glory,
Congregation: In the face of Jesus Christ.
Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
Congregation: O Lord, my rock, and my redeemer.

Here let all audibly join in

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

[Congregation stands.]

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

ORGAN RESPONSE.

[Congregation stands with bowed heads.]

Here follows

THE OFFERTORY,

to be used only when Offerings are to be made.

After the Offertory may be given

THE NOTICES.

Then follows

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON,

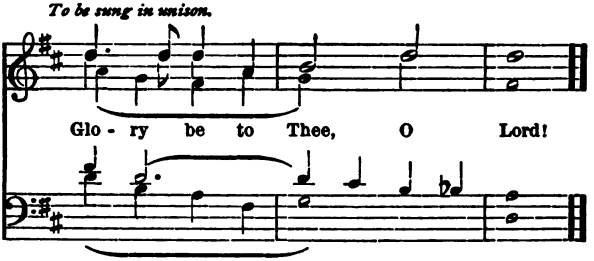
and at the close of each Scripture Lesson the Minister should say:

Here ends this Scripture Lesson.

After the first Scripture Lesson may be said or sung:

THE GLORIA TIBI.

To be sung in unison.



Then should be read

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON.

Here follows

THE CHIEF MORNING ANTHEM,

which may be one of the following, or such other as may be selected from the Collection of Anthems, or may be approved by the Minister.

1. *Venite, exultemus Domino.* Psalm 95.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God; and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

After the Organ Voluntary the Minister reads as many as may seem to him best of the following

SENTENCES,

or such others as he may choose from the usual order of Morning Service.

THIS is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Ps.* 118: 24.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. *Matt.* 5: 6.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. *Ps.* 32: 1.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world. 1 *John* 2: 1, 2.

For we have not an High Priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. *Heb.* 4: 15.

After the Sentences follows

THE HYMN OF ASPIRATION.

[Congregation stands.]

After the Hymn let the Minister give

THE PASTORAL SALUTATION.

[Congregation stands.]

THE Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Num.* 6: 24, 25, 26.

Congregation: Amen.

Here follows

THE PASTORAL CALL TO WORSHIP,

which may consist of one of the following passages from the Psalms, or one selected from the Collection of Pastoral Calls to Worship.

[Congregation sits.]

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth:
Break forth and sing for joy, yea, sing praises.
Sing praises unto the Lord with the harp;
With the harp and the voice of melody.
With trumpets and sound of cornet
Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Ps. 98: 4, 5, 6.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.
Bless the Lord, ye angels of his;
Ye mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,
Hearkening unto the voice of his word.
Bless the Lord all ye his hosts;
Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
Bless the Lord, all ye his works,
In all places of his dominion:
Bless the Lord, O my soul. *Ps.* 103: 1, 2, 3, 4, 20, 21, 22.

PRAISE ye the Lord.
O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
Blessed are they that keep judgment,
And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
From everlasting even to everlasting.
And let all the people say, Amen.
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* 106: 1, 3, 48.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations;
Laud him, all ye peoples.
For his mercy is great toward us;
And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* 117.

PRAISE ye the Lord.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.
While I live will I praise the Lord:
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind;
The Lord raiseth up them that are bowed down;
The Lord loveth the righteous;
The Lord preserveth the strangers;
He upholdeth the fatherless and widow;
But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
The Lord shall reign for ever,
Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* 146: 1, 2, 8, 9, 10.

PRAISE ye the Lord;
For it is good to sing praises unto our God;
For it is pleasant, and praise is comely.
The Lord doth build up Jerusalem;
He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.
He telleth the number of the stars;
He giveth them all their names.
Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;
His understanding is infinite.
The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him,
In those that hope in his mercy. *Ps.* 147: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11.

Let the Pastoral Call to Worship be seconded by

A CHOIR CALL TO WORSHIP,

selected from the Collection of Choir Calls to Worship.

Let the congregation respond in

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.

[Congregation stands.]

After the Hymn follows

THE INVOCATION,

which may be offered by the Minister alone, or responsively by Minister and People. If by Minister alone let him say:

[Congregation stands.]

BE thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
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Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
According as we have hoped in thee. *Ps.* 33: 22.

O Lord, let thy presence be manifested among us.
Shine thou in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 *Cor.* 4: 6.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my rock, and my redeemer. *Ps.* 19: 14.

Or, if by Minister and People responsively,

[Congregation stands.]

Minister: Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
Congregation: Let thy glory be above all the earth.
Minister: Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
Congregation: According as we have hoped in thee.
Minister: O Lord, let thy presence be manifested among us.
Congregation: Shine thou in our hearts,
Minister: To give the light of the knowledge of thy glory,
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Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
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Here let all audibly join in

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is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

ORGAN RESPONSE.

[Congregation stands with bowed heads.]

Here may be administered

BAPTISM

to any who are to be admitted to the church, and, after the Baptism, Members may be Received, according to the orders given for those ceremonies.

Here follows

THE OFFERTORY.

Then may be read

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON.

After the first Scripture Lesson may be given a brief

SERMON OR EXHORTATION.

After the Discourse should be read

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON.

Here follows

THE PREPARATORY PRAYER,

which may be in the Minister's own words, or, if preferred, in one of the forms here given.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

O GOD, the Father, who in thy great and ineffable love to man didst send thy Son into the world, to bring back the wandering sheep, turn not away thy face from us,* but cleanse us, O Lord, from our secret faults, and mercifully forgive our presumptuous sins, that we may receive thy holy things with a pure mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. †

Congregation: Amen.

Or this,

ETERNALLY living and loving God, our heavenly Father, who dost permit us to draw near in the

* Liturgy of Saint James. † Leonine.

celebration of this sacrifice once made for us and for all men by the crucifixion and death of thy dear Son our Lord, suffer us not, by thoughtless approach to these types of his broken body and shed blood, to eat and drink condemnation to ourselves; but by thy grace cause us so to discern the Lord's body, that our consciences may be cleansed from guilt, our souls be nourished with his life, and we made partakers of his sacrifice in spirit and truth, to thy praise and glory, through him, our only Advocate and Redeemer.

Congregation: Amen.

ORGAN RESPONSE.

[Congregation still bowing or kneeling.]

Here follows

A MESSIANIC SELECTION FOR RESPONSIVE READING.

[Congregation stands.]

Then is given

THE PASSION ANTHEM.

After the Anthem let the Congregation join in singing

THE PASSION HYMN.

[Congregation stands.]

Then should the Minister give

THE INVITATION TO THE COMMUNION

in the customary form, or in the words following:

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, ye who mind to come to the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ, must consider how Saint Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to try and examine themselves, before they presume to eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For as the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy sacrament; so is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily. Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord; repent ye truly for your sins past; have a lively and

steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men; so shall ye be meet partakers of those holy mysteries.

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort.*

Then let the Minister say:

Let us make our humble confession to Almighty God.

And let all audibly join in one of the following forms of

CONFESSION.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who art acquainted with all our ways, and from whom no secret can be hid; we humbly confess before thee the sinfulness of our hearts and lives. We condemn ourselves by reason of our transgressions which thou mightest justly visit upon us, and are bowed to the dust when we remember the bitter passion and death of thy beloved Son, who for our iniquities was brought to the cross. His innocence overwhelms us with guilt: his unmerited pains testify to our ill deserving: his dying shows us worthy of death. O Lord, our repentings are kindled within us. Have mercy upon us, gracious God. Out of the dust we cry unto thee. Forgive us, O Lord, and remove our transgressions from us. Restore in us thy peace, and make haste to save us. By the death of thine only Son renew in us thy life; and grant that by the help of thy grace we may turn from all unrighteousness, and henceforth follow the pattern of his obedience; to whom, with thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be the praise of our salvation. Amen.

* Common Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

After the Confession let the Minister say:

[Congregation still bowing or kneeling.]

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Mat.* 11: 28.

Hear also these words of comfort:

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John* 3: 16.

Faithful is the saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 *Tim.* 1: 15.

Then may the Minister offer this

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee; bestow upon us, we beseech thee, the [illegible] of thy pardon; deliver us from our sins; con[illegible] and strengthen us in goodness; and bring us to [illegible]verlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.†

* Common Prayer. † Based upon the Common Prayer.

Congregation: Amen.

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Congregation: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Then should be said or sung by all in celebration of God's forgiving grace,

THE GLORIA PATRI.

[Congregation stands.]

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Here follows

THE EUCHARISTIC ANTHEM.

Then should Minister and Congregation recite

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

[Congregation stands.]

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
[He descended into hell,]
These words may be omitted.
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

Minister: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And with thy spirit.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Congregation: It is meet and right so to do.
Minister: It is meet, right, and our duty, to praise thee, bless thee, adore thee and give thanks unto thee, creator of all things visible and invisible; whom the heavens praise with all their hosts, the sun, moon, and stars; the earth and the sea with all that are in them; also the heavenly Jerusalem, the church of the first born who are enrolled in heaven, angels, archangels, principalities and powers; singing The Triumphal Hymn, saying,*

[Congregation still bowing or kneeling.]

Choir or Congregation: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Then let the Minister offer Prayers, of which the following examples are in accord with ancient usage at the Table of the Lord.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Redemption.

HOLY, holy, holy, art thou Lord God, who didst fashion and make us and appoint us to the joy of paradise. When we had broken thy commandment and strayed from eternal life, and had been cast out from thy pleasure, thou didst not desert us to the end, but didst without ceasing proclaim to us thy promises by thy holy prophets, and, in the last days, didst manifest to us, who sat in darkness and the shadow of death, thine only begotten Son, the Lord our Saviour Jesus Christ, incarnate of the Holy Ghost, of a virgin made man; who taught us the way of salvation, bestowed on us the celestial birth by water and the Spirit, made of us one flock, and cleansed us by the Holy

* Liturgy of St. James.

Spirit. When he had loved his own who were in the world, for our salvation he gave himself up to that death which reigned over us and by which we were held in bondage. By the way of the cross he descended into the grave, the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at thy right hand, O Father, and has appointed a day in which he will appear to judge the world in righteousness and give to every one according to his works.*

Therefore do we praise thee and give thanks unto thee, O Father, with the Son our Redeemer, and the Spirit our Sanctifier, for this thy great salvation, in which thy church throughout all the world doth magnify and exalt thy name, waiting for the fulfilment of thy kingdom through the mighty working of the only Mediator, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

The Intercessory Prayer.

WE pray thee, O merciful God, who hast loved us and redeemed us, that thou wilt make us worthily to eat of the bread and drink of the cup which our divine Lord prepares for us, to the sanctification of our bodies, minds, and spirits; that being made one with each other and with him, we may have part in the inheritance with thy saints, who in all ages have been pleasing unto thee.

We beseech thee graciously to remember thy holy church throughout the world, the people whom thou hast purchased with the precious blood of thine Anointed.

Give to the pastors of thy flock that they may worthily minister, watching over those who are committed to them, feeding them with the word of thy truth, comforting them in thy grace, and leading them in ways of safety. Grant unto them health of body and of mind, with the abundant strengthening of thy Spirit; sustain them with thy patience; and, after this life, bring them, with those to whom they minister, into

* Coptic Liturgy of Saint Basil.

the place prepared for them by the great Shepherd of the sheep.

Give also to thy people that, honoring those whom thou hast placed over them, they may dutifully receive thy commandments, seeking the peace of thy church and the triumph of thy kingdom.

Remember, Lord, those who are in affliction; deliver those who are tempted; restore those who have fallen; and succor those who are soon to depart this earthly life.

Watch over the lambs of thy flock; suffer them not to be parted from thy fold, but so work in the hearts of the children that they may be worthy citizens of thy spiritual kingdom.

Be gracious, Lord, to missionaries of the cross, and to all Christian laborers and dispensers of thy temporal or spiritual bounty, that they may not be easily discouraged, nor fall a prey to persecutions or any adversities, but may triumphantly fulfil the charge thou committest unto them.

Give peace in the hearts of thy loved ones, O Lord; give peace in thy whole church; give peace in all the world. O King of Peace, give us thy peace.

To thee, O Father, and to the blessed Spirit, we render praise in Jesus Christ, our ever living Lord and Intercessor.*

Congregation: Amen.

After the Prayers let the Minister recite

THE INSTITUTION.

DEARLY beloved, in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord, being with his disciples to eat the Passover, took bread, and blessed, and brake it; and gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is for you: this do in remembrance of me.

In like manner also he took the cup after supper and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the covenant, which

* Based on the Intercessory Prayers of the early Eastern Church.

is shed for many unto remission of sins: this do in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, brethren, as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come.*

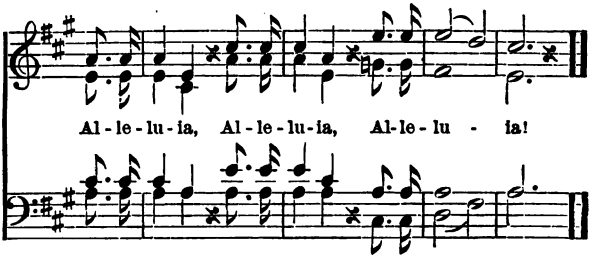
After the recital of the Institution may be said or sung the following very ancient Hymn, taken from the Mozarabic Liturgy, and mentioned by St. Cyril and St. Ambrose. The Minister may repeat the Verses, the Choir or Choir and Congregation responding with the Alleluia.

[Congregation stands.]

O TASTE and see that the Lord is good;
I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall ever be in my mouth.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord shall redeem the souls of his servants;
And will not forsake any that trust in him.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Glory and honor be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
For ever and ever.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



After the Hymn, or, if it be omitted, after the Institution, let the Minister say,

In remembrance of our blessed Lord and of his

* This history of the Institution is compounded from the various Scripture accounts of the event.

sacrifice for us, we take the bread [*here let the Minister take the bread*], and lift up our prayer; saying,

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

PRAISE be unto thee, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast given unto us all things, and didst in the fulness of time send thine only-begotten Son to be our life and the life of the world. We have nothing that we have not received from thee, and unto thee are due all things that thou hast given to us. We render unto thee thine own, setting apart and consecrating to thee and to this service the bread appointed for our nourishment, which our Lord took in his hands, and blessed, and brake, and gave to the disciples saying, This is my body. We beseech thee, O our Father, send thy Holy Spirit to sanctify and bless unto us this bread, that it may become the body of Christ to our souls, and that partaking of it we may feed on him by faith, and be nourished by him in love. As he offered himself for us, we consecrate our bodies and spirits unto thee, entreating thee to accept the sacrifice we make of ourselves and all things committed unto us, that in them we may serve thee, and glorify thy name, through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Then let the Minister say:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ this bread is broken [*here let the Minister break the bread*], and given unto you [*here let the Minister give the bread to those who are appointed to serve*]. Take, eat, this is the Lord's body.

Those who serve receive the bread from the hands of the Minister. One of them, usually the senior deacon, offers the bread to the Minister, and, when he has partaken, it is passed to all who will commune. Then the bread is returned into the hands of the Minister, and opportunity may be given for any one who has been passed by in the distribution to signify the same by rising. Then, the deacons being seated, the Minister gives the bread to them that they may partake.

When all have partaken of the bread, let the Minister, having poured the wine, say:

In remembrance of our Lord, we take the cup [*here let him take the cup*], and give thanks; saying,

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

WE bless thee, praise thee, and give thanks unto thee, O our Father, for this fruit of the vine, for which our Lord gave thanks to thee when he took the cup and gave it to his disciples, saying, Drink ye all of it, for this is my blood. To thee and to this service we set apart and consecrate this cup, beseeching thee to send thy Holy Spirit sanctifying and blessing it, that it may be made unto us, who partake of it, the blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant unto us grace that, receiving it in faith, we may also be partakers of his life, with comfort and joy in the forgiveness of our sins, and in the purification of our bodies and spirits unto eternal life. And we entreat that, as we are consecrated unto thee, thou wilt be with us and abide in us, through our only Mediator and Sacrifice, Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

After the Prayer let the Minister say:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I give you this cup [*here let him give the cup to those appointed to serve*]. Drink ye all of it. This is his blood of the covenant which is shed for many unto remission of sins.

Those who serve take the cup, and one of them gives to the Minister that he may partake of it, and the cup is passed to all who will commune. Then those who serve bring the cup to the hands of the Minister, and opportunity may be given to any who have been passed by in the distribution of the cup to signify the same by rising. At the close of the distribution, the Minister brings the cup to those who serve that they may partake: after which, having returned to his place, let him say:

Let us pray.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

Here let him offer such Prayers as seem to him suitable at the Close of Communion, or, if preferred, these Prayers following.

WE give thee thanks, O Lord, that thou hast suffered us to partake of these symbols of the broken body and the shed blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ, once offered for us. Vouchsafe unto us that his life may be renewed in us; rightly direct our going; root us in that fear of thee which is love; make us sharers in the resurrection of thy Son; and in him may we be counted worthy of thy heavenly kingdom.

Congregation: Amen.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we heartily beseech thee that the promise which thou didst make unto the fathers, thou wilt fulfil unto us, their children, that the kingdom of thy dear Son may be set up in every land, and that the darkness which covers the people being removed, the light of thy glorious gospel may shine unto the uttermost parts of the earth; for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Congregation: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

After the Prayers may be said or sung

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

with

THE GLORIA PATRI,

or in place of these

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS,

or some other Hymn of Praise or Triumph.

[Congregation stands until the Close of Service.]

* Sacramentaries of Gelasius.

Nunc dimittis. Luke 2.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

If a Metrical Hymn is sung it may be closed with the Doxology.

After singing comes

THE BENEDICTION

and

SILENT PRAYER,

closing with an

ORGAN CHORD.

A Collection of Pastoral Calls to Worship.

O SING unto the Lord a new song:
Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
Sing unto the Lord, bless his name;
Show forth his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvellous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and highly to be praised:
He is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols:
But the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him:
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ps. 96: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth:
Break forth and sing for joy, yea, sing praises.
Sing praises unto the Lord with the harp;
With the harp and the voice of melody.
With trumpets and sound of cornet
Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Ps. 98: 4, 5, 6.

THE Lord reigneth; let the peoples tremble:
He sitteth upon the cherubim; let the earth be moved.
The Lord is great in Zion;
And he is high above all the peoples.
Let them praise thy great and terrible name:
Holy is he.
Exalt ye the Lord our God,
And worship at his holy hill:
For the Lord our God is holy. *Ps.* 99: 1, 2, 3, 9.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies:
Bless the Lord, ye angels of his:
Ye mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,
Hearkening unto the voice of his word.
Bless the Lord, all ye his hosts;
Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
Bless the Lord, all ye his works,
In all places of his dominion;
Bless the Lord, O my soul. *Ps.* 103: 1, 2, 3, 4, 20, 21, 22.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name;
Make known his doings among the peoples.
Sing unto him, sing praises unto him;
Talk ye of all his marvellous works.
Glory ye in his name:
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
Seek ye the Lord and his strength;
Seek his face evermore. *Ps.* 105: 1, 2, 3, 4.

PRAISE ye the Lord.
O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
Blessed are they that keep judgment,
And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
From everlasting even to everlasting.
And let all the people say, Amen.
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* 106: 1, 3, 48.

PRAISE ye the Lord.
Praise, O ye servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
From this time forth and for evermore.
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same
The Lord's name is to be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations,
And his glory above the heavens. *Ps.* 113: 1, 2, 3, 4.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations;
Laud him, all ye peoples.
For his mercy is great toward us;
And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* 117: 1, 2.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
Let Israel now say,
That his mercy endureth for ever.
Let the house of Aaron now say,
That his mercy endureth for ever.
Let them now that fear the Lord say,
That his mercy endureth for ever.
The stone which the builders rejected
Is become the head of the corner.
This is the Lord's doing;
It is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day which the Lord hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. *Ps.* 118: 1, 2, 3, 4, 22, 23, 24.

BEHOLD, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord,
Which by night stand in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands to the sanctuary,
And bless ye the Lord.
The Lord bless thee out of Zion;
Even he that made heaven and earth. *Ps.* 134: 1, 2, 3.

PRAISE ye the Lord,
Praise ye the name of the Lord;
Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord:

Ye that stand in the house of the Lord,
In the courts of the house of our God.
Praise ye the Lord; for the Lord is good:
Sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.
O house of Israel, bless ye the Lord:
O house of Aaron, bless ye the Lord:
O house of Levi, bless ye the Lord:
Ye that fear the Lord, bless ye the Lord.
Blessed be the Lord out of Zion,
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* 135: 1, 2, 3, 19, 20, 21.

PRAISE ye the Lord.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.
While I live will I praise the Lord:
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind;
The Lord raiseth up them that are bowed down;
The Lord loveth the righteous;
The Lord preserveth the strangers;
He upholdeth the fatherless and widow;
But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
The Lord shall reign for ever,
Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* 146: 1, 2, 8, 9, 10.

PRAISE ye the Lord;
For it is good to sing praises unto our God;
For it is pleasant, and praise is comely.
The Lord doth build up Jerusalem;
He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their wounds.
He telleth the number of the stars;
He giveth them all their names.
Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;
His understanding is infinite.
The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him,
In those that hope in his mercy. *Ps.* 147: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11.

PRAISE the Lord, O Jerusalem;
Praise thy God, O Zion.
For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates;
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
He maketh peace in thy borders;
He filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
He sendeth out his commandment upon earth;
His word runneth very swiftly.
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* 147: 12, 13, 14, 15, 20.

The Offertory.

While in any Service the Offerings are being collected, passages from the Offertory may be read, and a Choir or Organ Response may be given after each passage.

HONOR the Lord with thy substance,
And with the first fruits of all thine increase:
So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,
And thy vats shall overflow with new wine.
Prov. 3 : 9, 10.

Even so let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *Mat.* 5 : 16.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also. *Mat.* 6: 19, 20, 21.

All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets. *Mat.* 7 : 12.

Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *Mat.* 7 : 21.

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 *Cor.* 9 : 6, 7.

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, yea, even unto eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. *Eccl.* 11: 1, 2.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord,
And his good deed will he pay him again.
Prov. 19: 17.

But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him? 1 *John* 3: 17.

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Heb.* 13: 16.

When all the Offerings have been collected let the Bearers of the gifts stand before the Table while the Minister offers one of the following Prayers for Acceptance, or such other of like import as seems to him good.

PRAYER FOR ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERINGS.

[Congregation bowing or kneeling.]

ACCEPT, O Lord, these offerings which thy people make unto thee, and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under thy hand, to the praise of thy great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation. Amen.

Or this,

GREAT and eternally wonderful Lord, accept the offerings which thy servants have set apart and brought unto thee, in return for thy love, and to the honor of thy holy name. Bless these thy people with spiritual blessings; make them to rejoice in thine unfailing bounty and in the hope of the promises thou hast made to thy saints. Bestow thy benediction on all things that belong unto them; grant to their bodies health and temperance; to their souls purity, holiness, and final rest in thy blessed habitations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Congregation: Amen.

* Syrian Liturgy.

The Morning Litany.

This Litany may be used in addition to or in place of other Prayers before the Sermon in the Fuller Order of Morning Service. It may be shortened by the omission of all that early portion which is included between the starred lines.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

Minister: All loving and gracious God, who dost permit us at this time to draw nigh unto thee, dispose our hearts aright, that we may lift up prayer and praise to thee, trusting not in our well deserving, but in thy great mercy, through thine only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and answer me; for I am poor and needy.

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Rejoice the soul of thy servant;
For unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive,
And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart;
And I will glorify thy name for evermore.
Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment;
Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
Who laid the foundations of the earth.
O Lord, how manifold are thy works!
In wisdom hast thou made them all.
We praise thee, O Lord.

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We praise thee that thou redeemest our lives from destruction and bringest us to thy holy dwelling.

We praise thee, O Lord.

That thou art made known to us in thine only Son, Immanuel, God with us, who died, and rose again, and ascended on high to be our Intercessor and Advocate;

We praise thee, O Lord.

Remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From neglect of thy law and contempt of thy grace; from rejecting thy Son, and from grieving thy Spirit;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From pride, presumption, and arrogance; from dishonoring parents, magistrates, and governments; and from all irreverence;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From wronging the poor; from envying the rich; from keeping back the hire of labor; and from rendering eye-service;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from anarchy, riot, bloodshed, and rebellion;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From corruption in office and in judgment; from sectional divisions, and partisan strife;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From false maxims of cunning and greed; from immorality, vice, and unseemliness; from the corruption of our youth, and the godless pursuit of pleasure or gain;

Good Lord, deliver us.

We beseech thee, Lord, that thou wilt give to the earth fruitful seasons, that thy poor may have bread.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt prosper and sanctify those who go

down to the sea in ships; those who labor in mines, factories, and mills; those who sow fields and reap harvests; those who buy, sell, and carry merchandise; and all other toilers; that they may be united in Christian love and service for the furtherance of thy kingdom;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to consecrate the industries of thy people, giving us wisdom and grace, that as riches increase we may not set our hearts upon them, but use them, in the fear of God, for the downfall of evil and the triumph of good;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to watch over all schools of learning, giving discernment to those who preside over them, and grace to those who are gathered in them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to consecrate all science and literature to the promotion of peace, purity, and piety; to guide inquirers after truth and seekers after righteousness; to impart skill and give direction to physicians and all who minister to the sick; and to bestow a spirit of righteousness and justice upon advocates and judges;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee with thy grace to visit all hospitals, asylums, and benevolent institutions, directing their efforts to the bodily and spiritual help of those to whom they minister;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt send into jails, prisons, and reformatories, the light of thy truth and the sanctifying influences of thy Spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt speedily abolish drinking saloons, gambling places, and all haunts of vice, with their hosts of evils; and make haste to deliver men from the scourge of intemperate passions and lusts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt bless all householders, parents, and guardians of young children, to the end that, by a godly example, they may lead into the Christian faith those who are committed unto them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve the President of these United States, and the Governor of this State [Territory], with all rulers and magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice and to maintain truth;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all pastors, preachers, and teachers with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and that both by speaking and living they may set it forth accordingly;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

Be pleased to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to sustain those who are perplexed with the cares of home; to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed; to succor, help, and comfort those who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

Be pleased to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; to bind into oneness with us the strangers who are come to dwell among us, and to make of us a people to thy praise;

Be pleased to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen and guide all missionaries of the cross, comforting them in persecutions and dangers, and giving success to thy blessed gospel in every land, that thy people may speedily say: The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever;

Be pleased to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Congregation: Amen.

* Common Prayer.

The Litany of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

O God the Father of Heaven; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy incarnation; by thy holy nativity and circumcision; by thy baptism, fasting, and temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and passion; by thy precious death and burial; by thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy church universal in the right way;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian rulers and magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who travel by land or by water, all women in the perils of childbirth, all sick persons, and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy word;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

The Minister may, at his discretion, omit all that follows, to the Prayer, "We humbly beseech thee, O Father," etc.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers and Thanksgivings for Various Occasions.

The following Prayers and Thanksgivings are intended for use in the household as well as in public worship.

Advent.

MERCIFULLY hear, O Lord, the prayers of thy people; that as they rejoice in the advent of thine only begotten Son according to the flesh, so when he cometh a second time in his majesty, they may receive the reward of eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

Advent.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.† Amen.

Christmas Eve.

O GOD, who hast made this most sacred night to shine with the illumination of the true light; grant, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that light upon earth, we may also perfectly enjoy it in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

* Gelasian. † Common Prayer.

Christmas.

MERCIFUL and most loving God, by whose will and bounty Jesus Christ our Lord humbled himself for this — that he might exalt the whole race of man; and descended to the depths for the purpose of lifting up the lowly; and was born, God-man, of the virgin, for this cause — that he might restore in man the lost celestial image; grant that thy people may cleave unto thee, that as thou hast redeemed them by thy bounty, they may ever please thee by devoted service.* Amen.

Christmas.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by the birth of thy Holy One into the world as on this day didst give thy true light to dawn upon our darkness; grant that as thou hast given us in this time present to believe in the mystery of his incarnation, and hast made us partakers of the divine nature, so in the world to come we may ever abide with him in the glory of his kingdom; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ.† Amen.

Ash Wednesday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.† Amen.

Good Friday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender mercy towards mankind hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility;

* Gallican Sacramentary. † Common Prayer.

mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

Easter Eve.

ALMIGHTY God, who from the tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ hast caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the world; we beseech thee, that in celebrating this holy season our hearts may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, and thy love may be so shed abroad therein by the Holy Ghost, that we may continually seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth at thy right hand; and that, abiding in purity of heart and mind, we may at length attain unto thine everlasting kingdom, there to dwell in the glorious light of thy presence, world without end; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

Easter.

ALMIGHTY God, who by the resurrection of thy well beloved Son hast brought life and immortality to light; we beseech thee, that, as thou hast raised him from the dead by thine own glory, so we also may walk in newness of life, and be planted in the likeness of his resurrection, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.* Amen.

Ascension Day.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.† Amen.

* Catholic Apostolic. † Common Prayer.

Sunday after Ascension.

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.*

Whitsun-day or Day of Pentecost.

O God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.* Amen.

Thanksgiving Day.

O most merciful Father, who hast blessed the labors of the husbandman in the returns of the fruits of the earth; we give thee humble and hearty thanks for this thy bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving kindness to us; that our land may still yield her increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord.† Amen.

For the Country.

Almighty God, who in the former time leddest our fathers forth into a wealthy place, and didst set their feet in a large room; give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to us their children, that we may always approve ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Defend our liberties, preserve our unity. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arro-

* Common Prayer. † Book Annexed.

gancy, and from every evil way. Fashion into one happy people the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom we intrust in thy name with the authority of governance, to the end that there be peace at home, and that we keep our place among the nations of the earth. In the time of our prosperity, temper our self-confidence with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.* Amen.

A Prayer to be used before State or National Elections.

O LORD, our God, thou rulest over the nations and our hearts are in thy hand as the watercourses; thou turnest them whithersoever thou wilt. We earnestly beseech thee, at this time, to so direct us as a people, that we may choose and establish in authority over us the men whom thou choosest for our good and the advancement of thy kingdom. Suffer not thy people to be embittered against each other in partisan strife. O Lord, who lovest truth, deliver us from the false and slanderous tongue, from the selfish designs of evil men, from bribery, corruption, and an inordinate love of power. Dispose thy people to sincerity, and grant that they may unitedly seek good government and just laws with a righteous administration of the same to the praise of thy great name. Amen.

A Prayer for the President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favor to behold and bless thy servant the President of the United States, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health

* Book Annexed.

and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

Prayer for Congress.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the people of these United States in general, so especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled; that thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy church, the safety, honor, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and for thy whole church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour.* Amen.

Sunday Morning.

WE render thee thanksgiving upon thanksgiving, Lord our God, Father of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, by all means, at all times, in all places. For thou hast sheltered, assisted, supported, and led us on through the time past of our life, and brought us to this hour. And we pray and beseech thee, O Good and Loving, grant us to pass this holy day, and all the time of our life, without sin; with all joy, health, salvation, sanctification, and fear of thee, through thine only begotten Son.† Amen.

Before Communion.

O LORD our God, heavenly Father, we, thy children, look with thanksgiving to thine appearing among us this day in the remembrance which thy Son our Saviour has commanded his followers to make of his sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world.

* Common Prayer. † Liturgy of Saint Mark.

We beseech thee, O Lord, take away from us all our iniquities, and the spirit of pride and arrogance, which thou resistest, and fill us with the spirit of fear, and give us a contrite and humbled heart, which thou dost not despise, that we may be enabled with pure minds to enter into the holy of holies; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

In Sickness.

O God, who ever governest thy creatures with tender affection; incline thine ear to our supplications, and graciously regard thy servant ——, who is suffering from bodily sickness; and visit him [her] with thy salvation, and bestow the medicine of heavenly grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.† Amen.

Or this,

O God, by whose command the moments of our life run their course; receive our prayers for thy servant ——, lying sick, on whose behalf we implore thy mercy; that our fears on account of his [her] danger may be turned into joy at his [her] recovery; through Jesus Christ our Lord.† Amen.

For the Dying.

Sovereign Lord, our God, almighty, who willest that all men should be saved, and come to a knowledge of the truth; who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; we pray and beseech thee, loose the soul of this thy servant from every bond, and free it from every curse. For thou art he that loosest the fettered, and raisest up the crushed, O thou Hope of the hopeless! Command, therefore, O Lord, that the soul of thy servant be released in peace, and go to rest in thine eternal tabernacles with all thy saints, through thine only begotten Son; with whom, and with thy holy and life-giving Spirit, thou art blessed now and ever, and unto ages of ages.‡ Amen.

* Mozarabic, from the words, "We beseech thee."
† Gelasian. ‡ Eastern Church.

For those in Afflictions.

O ALMIGHTY, eternal God, the comfort of the sorrowful and strength of the weak; graciously suffer to come before thy presence the prayer of all those who in trouble and conflict sigh before thee and cry unto thee, and especially of thy servant [servants] for whom we now intercede, that he [she or they] may inwardly experience and thankfully record thy help and comfort in this time of need, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.* Amen.

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Sickness.

O GOD, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; we bless thy name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from bodily sickness thy servant in whose behalf we now return thanks unto thee. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. Impress him [her] and all of us with a due sense of thy merciful goodness, that we may devote the residue of our days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee; in Jesus Christ our Lord.† Amen.

For Peace.

O GOD, who art the unsearchable abyss of peace, the ineffable sea of love, the fountain of blessings, and the bestower of affection, who sendest peace to those that receive it; open to us this day the sea of thy love, and water us with plenteous streams from the riches of thy grace, and from the most sweet springs of thy benignity. Make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace. Enkindle in us the fire of thy love; sow in us thy fear; strengthen our weakness by thy power; bind us closely to thee and to each other in one firm and indissoluble bond of unity, in Jesus Christ our Lord.‡ Amen.

* Altered from Evangelic Lutheran.
† Changed from Common Prayer.
‡ Syrian Clementine Liturgy.

The Shorter Order of Evening Service.

This service, which has been prepared with special reference to simplicity, may be enriched by material from either of the other evening services, by the use of the Bonum est confiteri before the opening Gloria Patri, or by the introduction of an Antiphon before the second Congregational Hymn.

After

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

let the Minister read as many of the following

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

as may seem to him best.

THE Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. *Hab.* 2: 20.

God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. *John* 4: 24.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. *Mat.* 5: 8.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. *Ps.* 32: 1.

The law was given by Moses; grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. *John* 1: 17.

And after he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into the mountain apart to pray; and when even was come, he was there alone. *Mat.* 14: 23.

And they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent. And he went in to abide with them. And it came to pass, when he had sat down with them to meat, he took the bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave

to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. *Luke* 24: 29, 30, 31.

If I say, surely the darkness shall overwhelm me,
And the light about me shall be night;
Even the darkness hideth not from thee,
But the night shineth as the day:
The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
Ps. 139: 11, 12.

I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go unto the house of the Lord.
Our feet are standing
Within thy gates, O Jerusalem. *Ps.* 122: 1, 2.

Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee;
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
Ps. 141: 2.

He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep. *Ps.* 121: 3, 4.

The eternal God is thy dwelling place,
And underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deut.* 33: 27.

The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament sheweth his handy-work.
Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night showeth knowledge. *Ps.* 19: 1, 2.

Then may be said or sung

THE GLORIA PATRI.

[Congregation stands.]

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Here let all join audibly in

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then may follow

A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

[Congregation stands.]

After the Hymn the Minister reads

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON.

Then is said or sung

THE CHIEF ANTHEM,

which may be one of the following, or one taken from the Collection of Anthems, or such other as the Minister may approve.

13. *Laudate Dominum.* Ps. 150.

O PRAISE God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord.

14. *Cantate Domino.* Ps. 98.

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The Lord declared his salvation; his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp; sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms, O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world; and the people with equity.

15. *Deus misereatur.* Ps. 67.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad; for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

16. *Benedic anima mea.* Ps. 103.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion; praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

17. *Nunc dimittis.* Luke 2.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Here follows

THE EXTEMPORANEOUS PRAYER.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

In addition to this Prayer, or in its place, may be used the Evening Litany from the Vesper Service.

After the Prayer is sung

A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

[Congregation stands.]

Then follow in order

THE SERMON.

A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

[Congregation stands until the Close of Service.]

THE DOXOLOGY.

THE BENEDICTION.

SILENT PRAYER,

closed by an

ORGAN CHORD.

The Fuller Order of Evening Service.

OBSERVATIONS.

Into this Service has been introduced an Embolismus, or petition interpolated after the Lord's Prayer, in accordance with a frequent custom of the Christian Church, which has in this way expressed its need of special grace to fulfil the obligations implied in that prayer.

Musical notes to the response, Glory be to thee, O Lord, will be found in the Fuller Order of Morning Service, and in the Vesper Service.

The Antiphon is an Anthem or Chant sung in alternate responses by a double choir, or by a choir in two sections. For the best results the two choirs should be separated as widely as possible, consistent with their control by the organ. The best arrangement is that in which a few singers are placed at one end of the church with a small organ; the main choir being at the other end. A more convenient form of antiphon is that in which the Minister and Choir respectively read and chant the alternate verses of a psalm, or the Minister reads verses of Scripture to which the Choir responds by musical selections. Any chant may be used as an antiphon; as may the Decalogue with the Kyrie Eleeson, or the Beatitudes with responses, and similar forms. In place of the antiphon may be used a simple prayer response. Illustrations of the antiphon are given at the close of the Musical Selections.

After

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the Minister reads as many as may seem to him best of the following

SENTENCES.

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And the firmament showeth his handy-work.
Day unto day utttereth speech,
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After the Sentences may be said or sung

THE BONUM EST CONFITERI,

or in its place a Hymn by the Choir; and after the Bonum est confiteri, or after the Hymn, should be sung the Gloria Patri; or, if more convenient, the Gloria Patri may be sung alone.

10. *Bonum est confiteri.* Ps. 92.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most Highest;

To tell of thy loving kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night season;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works; and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

THE GLORIA PATRI.

[Congregation stands.]

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

After the Gloria Patri Minister and Congregation may unite in the following

VERSES AND PRAYERS.

[Congregation stands.]

Minister: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:
Praise is comely for the upright. *Ps.* 33 : 1.
Congregation: I will bless the Lord at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth. *Ps.* 34 : 1.
Minister: O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt his name together. *Ps.* 34 : 3.
Congregation: The Lord will command his loving kindness in the daytime,
And in the night his song shall be with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my life. *Ps.* 42 : 8.

Minister: The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble.
The Lord fulfil all thy petitions. *Ps.* 20: 1, 5.
Congregation: Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! *Ps.* 14: 7.
Minister: Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord.
Congregation: The Lord hath been mindful of us; he will bless us. *Ps.* 115: 11, 12.
Minister: As our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us, let us pray.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

Minister and Congregation: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, withhold not from those who have done us evil anything that may be good for them, but of thy grace minister unto them and us, that we may live in charity with each other and all men, to the praise of thy most holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir or Congregation: Amen.

[Congregation still bowing or kneeling.]

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. *John* 14: 27.

Congregation: Give us thy peace, O Lord.

Minister: The God of peace be with you all. *Rom.* 15: 33.

Choir or Congregation: Amen.

Then may be sung

A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

[Congregation stands.]

After the Hymn let the Minister read

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON.

At the end of each Scripture Lesson the Minister should say,

Here ends this Scripture Lesson.

At the end of the First Lesson responds the

Choir or Congregation: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Then may be read

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON.

Here may be sung

THE CHIEF ANTHEM,

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Minister: Put an end to our sins, O Lord, and with temptations provide a way of escape.

Choir or Congregation: Amen.

Minister: Give joy to the troubled, health to the sick, food to the hungry, protection to widows and orphans.

Choir or Congregation: Amen.

Minister: Grant unto us and to all thy people that we may live in peace and quietness all our days.

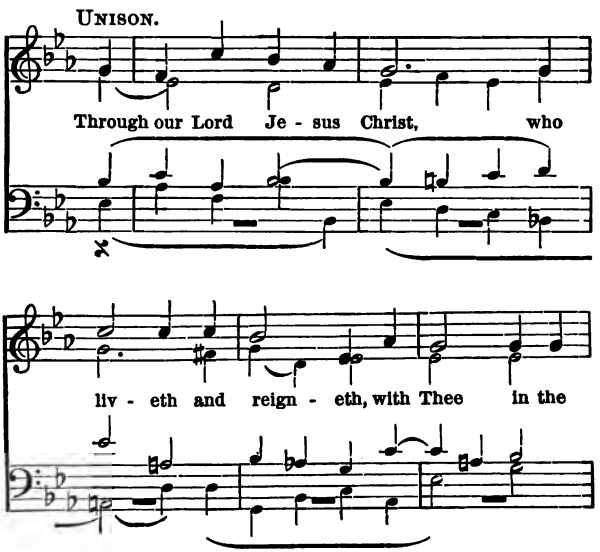
Choir or Congregation: Amen.

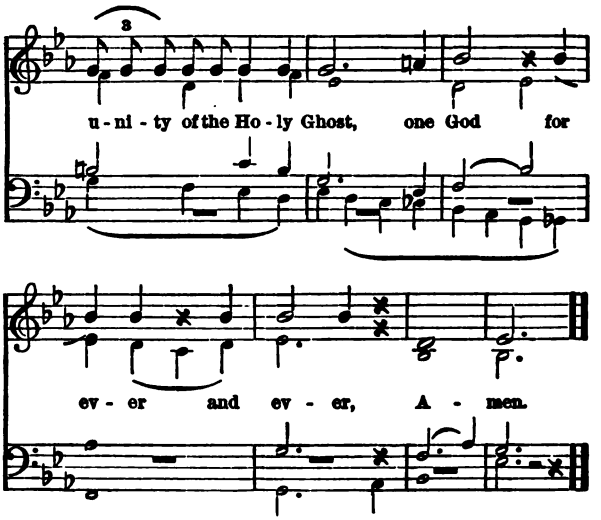
Minister: Forgive our enemies, gracious Lord, and turn their hearts.

Choir or Congregation: Amen.

Minister: Hear, O Lord, the prayers of all thy saints.

Choir or Congregation:





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A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

[Congregation stands.]

After the Hymn the Minister reads from the Old Testament,

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON.

At the end of the Lesson he says:

Here ends this Scripture Lesson.

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ANTHEMS,

or one taken from the Collection of Anthems, or such other as the Minister may approve.

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PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities:

Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

17. *Nunc dimittis.* Luke 2.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

After the Anthem let Minister and Congregation join in a

SELECTION FOR RESPONSIVE READING,

[Congregation stands.]

which may be closed with the Gloria Patri.

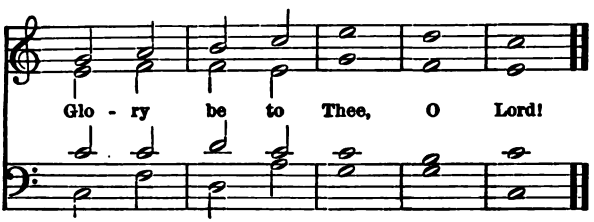
Then may follow, from the Gospels,

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON;

and when it is finished let the Minister say:

Here ends this Scripture Lesson,

and after the Lesson may be said or sung:



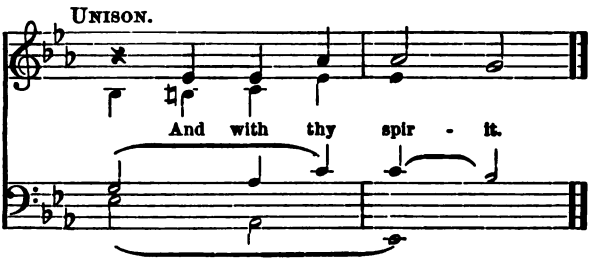
Here follows

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

[Congregation stands.]

Minister and Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
[He descended into hell,]
These words may be omitted.
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.
Minister: The Lord be with you.
Choir or Congregation:



Minister: Let us pray.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

Here may follow such Prayers as the Minister may choose to offer in his own words, and after these Prayers may be said the Evening Litany; but the Minister may omit either the extemporized Prayers or the Litany at discretion.

THE EVENING LITANY.

[Congregation bows or kneels.]

Minister: We entreat thee, O eternal God, who didst in the beginning divide the light from the darkness, who dwellest in light unapproachable, who coverest the earth with the night that thy children may rest, hear the prayers which we offer unto thee, and graciously accept us while we praise thee and make our evening supplications.

O God the Father of heaven; we praise thee and give thanks unto thee.

Congregation: O God the Father of heaven; we praise thee and give thanks unto thee.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God; we praise thee and give thanks unto thee.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God; we praise thee and give thanks unto thee.

For this day (of our Lord) and for the assemblies of thy people;

[On week days the words "of our Lord" may be omitted.]

We praise thee.

For thy glorious gospel and for the prayers of thy saints;

We praise thee.

For grace and pardon to all penitents;

We praise thee.

That thou renewest our strength for thy service and our hope of victory;

We praise thee.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord, to accept our praises, and cause us evermore to abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt bless and comfort with thy presence all pastors, preachers, and teachers, and grant that they may see the fruit of their labors.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Give us grace to treasure in our hearts thy word, that we may follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and in him may have fellowship with all thy saints.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Be pleased, O Lord, to defend us from all perils and dangers of this night.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sickness and from sudden alarms, from the fire that consumeth and the tempest that destroyeth, from the hand of violence, from anarchy, lawlessness, and strife;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From discord in our homes, from those who lead children astray, and from all the seductions of evil;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the vain things of this world, from the worship

of wealth and empty show, and from all inordinate desires and affections;

Good Lord, deliver us.

Be pleased, O thou who art present everywhere, to protect and bless the loved ones who are absent from us, directing them with us to thy heavenly dwelling.

Be pleased to hear us, good Lord.

Be thou, O God, the guide of wanderers, the haven of those who are shipwrecked, the defender of the innocent, and the restorer of the lost.

Be pleased to hear us, good Lord.

Grant unto us that we may finish our lives as Christians, well pleasing to thee, and free from sin, and may have our portion with all thy saints in thine everlasting kingdom.

Mercifully hear us, good Lord.

Hear, in all the world, those who cry unto thee out of their distresses, and grant unto them thy succor.

Save and help, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Minister: Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,

Congregation: According as we have hoped in thee.

Minister: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.*

Choir or Congregation: Amen.

Here follows

THE ANTIPHON.

After the Antiphon may be sung

A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

[Congregation stands.]

* A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

After the Hymn let the Minister speak such words as he may wish to say, or let him read

A THIRD LESSON

from the

EPISTLES.

Then may be sung

A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN,

[Congregation stands until the Close of Service.]

and

THE DOXOLOGY.

Then let the Minister pronounce

THE BENEDICTION.

Choir or Congregation: Amen.

SILENT PRAYER,

closing with an

ORGAN CHORD.

A General Order of Service for Sunday Schools.

OBSERVATIONS.

1. Specially adapted to use for responsive reading in Sunday School are the Selections from the One Hundred and Nineteenth Psalm and others of those designated as Didactic.
2. A Sunday School may easily be taught to chant, and such practice may happily pave the way for chanting by the congregation in Public Worship.
3. By the Lesson for the Day is meant the regular Sunday School Lesson.
4. The importance of giving to the Pastor a few minutes to point out truths in the Sunday School Lesson which he may desire to have emphasized by teachers cannot be too strongly urged. This is his opportunity of reaching the whole school and bringing its instruction into accord with his pulpit ministrations, thus establishing a bond between the two kinds of teaching. Pastors need to guard against encroaching upon the time of the school. It is well to arrange for a bell-stroke at the expiration of a given number of minutes.
5. The value of a short Litany in a service for young people can scarcely be overestimated. The school that begins its use will not easily afterwards dispense with it.
6. The orderly and serious closing of the school will be furthered by patiently enjoining the observance of the period of Silent Prayer.

At the opening of the School let the Pastor or Superintendent select from the

SELECTIONS FOR RESPONSIVE READING

a proper portion for the occasion, and let it be read responsively.

Then let all join in singing or repeating

A HYMN OR CHANT.

Here may follow

READING IN CONCERT THE LESSON FOR THE DAY.

After the Reading may be collected

THE OFFERINGS OF THE SCHOOL,

using passages from the Offertory, if thought best.

After the Offerings let the Pastor, or in his absence the Superintendent, call attention briefly to points in the lesson which should be emphasized.

Thereafter let one lead in

PRAYER,

at close of which, or in place of which, may be used the Sunday School Litany.

Then may time be given for

STUDY OF THE LESSON FOR THE DAY.

Here may follow

NOTICES AND SUGGESTIONS.

Then let all audibly join in

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

At the close of the Lord's Prayer let there be

SILENT PRAYER,

and the closing

SIGNAL,

which may be an organ chord or bell-stroke.

A SHORT LITANY FOR THE USE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Pastor or Superintendent: O thou who hearest prayer, help us to make our united supplications and offer our thanksgivings unto thee.

School: We praise thee for thy mercies, O Lord.

That thou hast been mindful of us, and given thy Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour;

We praise thee, O Lord, and give thanks unto thee.

That thou sufferest little children to come unto thee;

We praise thee, O Lord, and give thanks unto thee.

That thou hearest the prayers of those who in weakness are tempted, and of those who call upon thee when they are afraid;

We praise thee, O Lord, and give thanks unto thee.

That thou watchest over us in the darkness and in the light;

We praise thee, O Lord, and give thanks unto thee.

That the gospel of thy Son makes plain to our understanding the way of salvation;

We praise thee, O Lord, and give thanks unto thee.

That thou callest us to be followers of Jesus in childhood and in youth;

We praise thee, O Lord, and give thanks unto thee.

Forgive our sins, O Lord, and remember not our transgressions against us.

Forgive and deliver us, good Lord.

From pride and selfishness; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all unloving thoughts, words, and deeds;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From profanity, falsehood, vulgarity, and impurity; from deriding the poor, the blind, deformed, or lame; and from all cruelty;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From bad companions and from bad reading; from evil thoughts and evil manners;

Good Lord, deliver us.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord, and send upon us thy Spirit, that we may grow up as Christians and never depart from thee.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Help us in our homes, at school, and on the street, in all places and at all times, to show a Christian temper and behavior.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Bless, O Lord, our parents, brothers, sisters, kindred, and friends, making them with us heirs of salvation.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Have mercy upon any member of this school who may be sick or in trouble.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Plentifully enrich with thy grace our pastor, our superintendent, and all our officers.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Give to our teachers knowledge of thy word, and to us all a teachable spirit.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Give the kingdom of the world to thy dear Son our Lord; make us true soldiers of the cross and followers of the Lamb, that when he shall come to judge the world he may know us as his own.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

We beseech thee to hear us, gracious Lord, and unto thee, O Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

All: Be praise evermore. Amen.

Family Prayer.

MORNING AND EVENING.

MORNING.

After such Scripture Reading, Singing, and extemporaneous Prayer as may be convenient, the one who conducts family worship can make use of either of the following Collections of Prayers, and can add to them, from the Collection of Prayers and Thanksgivings for Various Occasions, others for days of church observance, and for times of thanksgiving, or of peculiar need. In place of either of the Collections of Prayers may be used the Morning Litany for the Family.

FIRST COLLECTION OF MORNING PRAYERS.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE give thee thanks, holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, who hast been pleased to bring us through the night to the hours of the morning; we pray thee grant that we may pass this day without sin, so that at eventide we may again give thanks to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: Amen.

* Gelasian.

SHINE into our hearts, O loving Master, by the pure light of the knowledge of thyself; and open the eyes of our mind to the contemplation of thine evangelic teaching, and put into us the fear of thy blessed commandments; that, trampling down all carnal appetites, we may follow a spiritual life, thinking and doing all things according to thy good pleasure. For thou art our sanctification and our illumination, and to thee we render glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

All: Amen.

LORD, who art present in all places, we beseech thee to protect thy servants whom thou hast united to us by the intimacy of holy affection, or by the ties of blood, or hast associated with us in the unity of faith, and make them to be subject to thee with their whole heart; that being filled with the spirit of thy love, they may be cleansed from earthly desires, and be made worthy, by thy grace, of heavenly blessedness.†

All: Amen.

O GOD, at whose word man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening; be merciful to all whose duties are difficult or burdensome, and comfort them concerning their toil. Shield them from bodily accident and harm; incline the hearts of employers and of those whom they employ to mutual forbearance, fairness, and good will. Give the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in places of authority. Bless all who engage in works of mercy, and those who conduct schools of good learning. Care for the aged and all little children; remember those who suffer in sickness or poverty; and let the sighing of the sorrowful come before thee, for on thee, O Lord, all depend, and thou alone art mighty to save. To thee, Father, with the Son, and the Spirit, one God, be praise evermore.‡

All: Amen.

* Daybreak office of Eastern Church.
† Gallican of tenth century.
‡ Condensed from the Book Annexed.

SECOND COLLECTION OF MORNING PRAYERS.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; we, thy needy creatures, render thee our humble praises, for thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from all dangers of the past night. By thy watchful goodness we behold the morning light. For these thy mercies, we bless and magnify thy glorious name; humbly beseeching thee to accept our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; with the dedication of both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which, O merciful God, we entreat thee to confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
All: Amen.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HOLY Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, who hast been pleased to bring us through the night to the hours of morning, we pray thee grant that we may pass this day without sin, and since from thee we unceasingly receive overflowing fulness of good, and, by thy grace, are daily defended from evil, we pray that, by the teaching of thy Spirit, we may, in true faith, with all our hearts, acknowledge these thy ministries, and may, both here and hereafter, eternally thank and praise thy condescending goodness and mercy. Let thy brightness shine upon our hearts, and, through the illumination of thy Spirit, cause light

* Mostly compiled from various sources.

from thy light to strengthen us, to the end that, with pure intentions, our thoughts, words, and deeds may be directed to thy pleasing and the working of thy will.

All: Amen.

PROSPER thou the work of our hands this day, O Lord, save us from an inordinate love of those earthly things with which we are busied, and, while we labor in them, raise thou our affections above them. Defend us from pride, covetousness, and unholy ambition; from envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness; from the rule of fleshly appetites and lusts; from unholy passions of the soul. Help us to use the gifts of God as not abusing them, and to remember that, in thy kingdom, he is great who serves his fellow men and thee. In all things conform us to the likeness of thy dear Son our Lord. Graciously grant unto us and those who are dear to us these unmerited blessings; defending us from all dangers and adversities; making us patient under trials, faithful in our homes, and in all social relations considerate, kind, and gracious, as becometh followers of Jesus. Bless thy holy church throughout all the world; minister of thy light and truth to those who do not know thee; hear the cries of those who call upon thee out of their distresses, and send them the comforts of thy grace. Give triumph, mighty God, to every good cause; stay the hand of the oppressor and establish the peaceable reign of truth and righteousness, through the working of thy dear Son our Lord, to whom, with thee, Father, and the Holy Ghost, be praise evermore.

All: Amen.

A MORNING LITANY FOR THE FAMILY.

The following Litany will be especially helpful in leading children to participate in family worship.

Prayer by the one who conducts worship.

EVER living and gracious Lord, our heavenly Father, who didst of old command the light and didst divide

it from the darkness; thou art the author of all worlds and the source of all life. Thou suppliest the wants of thy creatures and dost refresh them from thy presence. Thou preservest our bodies and dost sustain our spirits. Thou causest our eyes to behold the morning and dost shine in our hearts by the revelation of Jesus Christ thy Son. We therefore praise thee and give thanks unto thee for thy great mercy, which has abounded toward us all our days.

Response by members of the household.

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

That in the darkness thou hast watched over us, and hast delivered us from all perils of the night;

We praise thee, O Lord, and sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning.

That thou feedest our bodies out of thy plenty, and our souls with the bread of life;

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

That thou givest another day for thy service and for the doing of such things as are pleasing unto thee;

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For the comforts of our dwelling and the preciousness of family affection;

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

That those who are separated from each other may be united in thee and in thy care;

Accept our thanksgiving, O Lord, and let our praise be pleasing unto thee.

We do most earnestly beseech thee, O Father of all, to be gracious unto us while we make our humble confession unto thee, and to forgive all our transgressions.

Mercifully forgive us, gracious Lord.

In whatsoever we have offended by word, or deed, or by the secret movings of our spirits;

Mercifully forgive us, gracious Lord.

Bestow on us thy peace;

And make our lives acceptable unto thee.

In all things make us to know thy will, and strengthen us unto the doing of the same.

Teach us and strengthen us, good Lord.

Guide us in all perplexities of this day, solve our doubts by thy wisdom, and when we know not the way kindly lead us by thy providence.

Kindly lead us, O Lord.

Bless the works of our hands, and order our doings for the increase of thy kingdom.

Unto thee would we live this day, O Lord.

Baptize us in thy Spirit, and continually refresh us with thy presence.

Baptize us, O Lord.

Give thy Spirit to little children, and cause them to dwell together in peace.

Bless the children, O Lord.

Teach them to live as Christians, and suffer them never to depart from thee.

Keep them, O Lord.

Be pleased, O Lord, to bless all those who are dear unto us.

Bless them, O Lord.

Upon the dwellings of our neighbors grant thy benediction; cause us to be in love and charity with all men.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

For our land; for all its rulers; and for the peoples of the earth; for men of influence and power; for the rich and the poor; for servants and masters; for laborers and those who hire them; for such as are wronged and for such as do wrong; for the sick and for those who minister unto them; for wayward children and for sorrowing parents; for all who through ignorance do err, and for such as have fallen into sin; for the increase of spiritual light and power, the strengthening of thy saints, the building of thy Church, and the triumph of the gospel in every land:

O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done

on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

After such Scripture Reading, Singing, and extemporaneous Prayer as may be convenient, the one who conducts family worship can use either of the following collections of evening Prayers, and can add to them from the Collection of Prayers and Thanksgivings for Various Occasions, others for days of church observance, and for times of thanksgiving, or of peculiar need. In place of either of the Collections may be used the Evening Litany for the Family.

FIRST COLLECTION OF EVENING PRAYERS.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, in thy clemency, to show us thine unspeakable mercy; that thou mayest both set us free from our sins, and rescue us from the punishments which for our sins we deserve; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: Amen.

WE praise thee, O Lord, who givest the day for labor and the night for rest, that thou hast bestowed on us those things that are needful for us, and hast not withheld thy Spirit from us during these hours of light. Dispose us ever to make mention of thy good-

* Gelasian.

ness: what things we miss may we patiently, by thy grace, forego; and what things we have may we thankfully ascribe to thy mercy, in Jesus Christ thy Son.

All: Amen.

COMFORT, O God, with thy Holy Spirit, all those who are in affliction, poverty, sickness, or death's extremity; with those who for thy name's sake or in the cause of truth are imprisoned or persecuted; that recognizing thy fatherly will, and submissively accepting the same, they may, in thy good time, be delivered out of their distresses to the praise of thy mercy which thou hast made known in thine only Son, who suffered for our salvation.*

All: Amen.

O LORD God, the life of mortals, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of thy glorified saints; grant us a tranquil night, free from all disturbance; that after an interval of quiet sleep, we may, by thy bounty, at the return of light, be endued with activity from the Holy Spirit, and enabled in security to render thanks to thee.†

All: Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who knowest what things we have need of, before we ask thee, and that we know not how to pray as we ought, have mercy upon our weakness; and the things for which in our unworthiness we dare not pray, or which in our blindness we fail to seek, graciously grant unto us through the merits of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.‡

All: Amen.

* Enlarged from Evangelic Lutheran Church Book.
† Mozarabic. ‡ Evangelic Lutheran.

SECOND COLLECTION OF EVENING PRAYERS.*

ALL holy Lord God, whose mercy endureth for ever, evening, morning, and noonday, we praise thee, bless thee, and give thanks to thee. Graciously direct our prayer as incense before thee, for unto thee our eyes look up, and our hope is in thee. Thine is the day, O Lord, and thine is the night: grant that the Sun of Righteousness may abide in our hearts, to drive away all darkness. We give thanks to thee, who hast preserved us through the day, and we put our trust in thee that thou wilt preserve us through the night, for thou alone makest us to dwell in safety.
All: Amen.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

MOST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, we beseech thee so to lead and guide us by thy Holy Spirit, that we may not make light of our sins, nor cast off the fear of them, but, continually repenting them, may evermore be freed from them, and may find comfort in that thou dost, for thy Son's sake, graciously regard us, freely forgive us, and perfectly save us. Reform in us whatever is amiss, suffer no unclean thoughts nor unlawful desires to dwell in us, purge us from envy, hatred, and malice; permit not the sun to go down upon our wrath; but keep us with a conscience void of offence towards thee and our fellow men.
All: Amen.

* Partly compiled.

HEAR our prayer, O Lord, that thy blessings may descend upon us this night: defend us from all its perils and dangers; suffer not our dwelling to be disturbed by evil men, nor to be destroyed by fire, flood, or tempest. Keep our bodies in health and our souls in peace. Refresh us with quiet sleep, that being assisted with the help which our weakness needs, we may be devoted to thee both in body and mind, and at the return of the light, endue us with activity from thy Holy Spirit, that our lives may be thank-offerings unto thee. Defend our own who are absent from us; send thy blessings upon friends and neighbors; give health, strength, and comfort to all who watch in sickness or in danger; succor those who are in bodily or spiritual peril; and minister of thine abounding grace to those who draw near to the grave. O Lord, who rulest upon sea and land, defend the wanderers, restore the wayward, and restrain the violent. Bring to pass the reign of peace and the triumph of righteousness.

All: Amen.

TO our prayers, O God of patience, we join our unfeigned thanks for thy mercies; for the gift of life, reason, and all faculties of body or soul; for health, friends, food, and raiment; and for all the comforts and opportunities of this earthly life. We adore thee for thy mercy in sending thine only Son to redeem us from sin and death, to restore us to thee, and make us partakers of thine eternal joy. Continually remind us, O Lord, of thy mercy by the good which we receive of thee, from whom cometh all our good; and help us always to live in such devotion to thee, and faith in thy Son, that we may end our days in peace, to the praise of thy salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

AN EVENING LITANY FOR THE FAMILY.

O LORD our God, who didst bow the heavens and come down for the salvation of mankind, look upon thy servants and thine inheritance;* accept the prayers and thanks which we bring to thee.

Receive our thanks, O God our Father.

That thou blessest the morning, the noonday, and the evening;

We praise thee, O Lord.

That in this day thou hast guided us and given us part in thy work on the earth;

We praise thee, O Lord.

That the darkness covering the earth calls thy weary ones to rest in thee;

We praise thee, O Lord.

That thy care is over all thy creatures; thy compassion with all sufferers, thy fatherly longing toward all sinners;

We praise thee, O Lord.

That for our bodies and souls thou providest in the night season;

We praise thee, O Lord.

That the darkness of sin and death has been broken by thy dear Son;

We praise thee, O Lord.

That thou callest us to repentance; and that thy forgiveness abounds towards us;

We praise thee, O Lord.

Accept, O heavenly Father, our praises, and graciously hear our cry of penitence.

Forgive us, gracious Lord.

The secret sins of our hearts; the evil thoughts of our minds; the transgressions of our lips;

Forgive us, gracious Lord.

Whatsoever we have unrighteously felt, thought, or outwardly acted towards thee or our fellow men;

Forgive us, gracious Lord.

* Vespers of Eastern Church.

In Jesus Christ thy Son;

Give us pardon and peace.

Mercifully hear us, Lord God, heavenly Father, and be our defence.

Good Lord, defend us.

From sin, and all fear that is born of sin;

Good Lord, defend us.

From the perils and dangers of this night; from invasion of our dwelling by stealth or violence; from fire and tempest; from sickness and evil tidings;

Good Lord, defend us.

O thou who watchest, we beseech thee to hear and comfort us.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt protect and bless our own who are absent from us, and wilt number them among thy people;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt restore wanderers to their homes, and recover those who are lost from thee;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt provide for the needy, defend the defenceless, quiet the fearful, rescue those who are in peril on land or sea, heal the sick, and dry the tears of mourners;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That in the time which thou dost appoint, we and our loved ones, and all thy people may peacefully end our days upon earth, in unwavering faith and an assured hope of our inheritance with thee in thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ thy Son, to whom with thee and the Spirit be praise evermore.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O God, the life of the faithful, the bliss of the righteous, mercifully receive the prayers of thy suppliants, that the souls which thirst for thy promises may evermore be filled from thine abundance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: Amen.

* Gelasian.

An Order of Service for the Baptism of Infants.

OBSERVATIONS.

The following service for the baptism of infants has been prepared with a deep sense of the importance of the rite and of the desirability of emphasizing that importance by a well arranged order of administration. Under varying views there abides among most Christians a significance in infant baptism which can with difficulty be put into doctrinal terms. This sentiment should be cherished, while in the prayers and exhortations latitude may be given for varying interpretations of the rite, as has here been done, by submitting alternate forms to the choice of Ministers.

When those bringing the children present themselves before the Minister, let him read as many of the following passages of Scripture as may seem to him best.

THOU shalt have none other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor the likeness of any form that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands [or a thousand generations], of them that love me and keep my commandments. *Ex.* 20: 3–6.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God; the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandment to a thousand generations. *Deut.* 7: 9.

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord:

and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. *Deut.* 6: 4–7.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,

And his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant,

And to those that remember his precepts to do them. *Ps.* 103: 17, 18.

And they brought unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them. *Mark* 10: 13–16.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born anew. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. *John* 3: 6–8.

For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the brother: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. 1 *Cor.* 7: 14.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath:

but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord. *Eph.* 6 : 1–4.

Here may follow

THE PASTORAL EXHORTATION,

which may be in such words as the Minister may choose, or in the words following.

DEARLY beloved, you have heard from the Holy Scriptures that God holds in remembrance the faith of those who have been obedient unto him, and that he inclines his heart unto their children. You have also heard that our Lord Jesus Christ welcomed the little children to come unto him, taking them in his arms, blessing them, and declaring that of such is the kingdom of God.

St. Paul, also, has assured us that the children of such as believe are to be esteemed holy.

It therefore becomes us to bring our offspring to the Lord and present them unto him in holy baptism, cherishing an assured hope that as they are heirs of our bodies they shall be heirs of our spirits; that as they inherit our temporal things they shall by the grace of God inherit our spiritual things. Since that which is here done is not the deed of the child but your act, examine yourselves, whether, being truly in the faith, you are prepared to fulfil your part in the consecration of *this child* to the Lord, in teaching *him* the truths of our most holy religion, and in enforcing the same by a godly example. For be assured that unless you do these things, you have no claim to the promises of God upon the children of such as do them. But if you purpose with all your hearts to discharge these duties, we may, with peaceful assurance, seal *this child* in baptism, believing that the Spirit of God, which as the wind goeth and cometh in ways we see not, shall descend upon *him*, working in *him* such dispositions as shall end in a matured faith unto eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I ask you therefore:

Ques. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Saviour of mankind?

Ans. I do.

Ques. Do you purpose to order your life in obedience to his gospel, fulfilling his precepts?

Ans. I do.

Ques. Will you have *this child* baptized into the same faith and obedience?

Ans. I will.

Ques. Do you promise faithfully to instruct *him* in the same, setting before *him* a godly example, striving to nourish in *him* holy affections and repress in *him* unholy desires, to the end that, growing up in the Lord, *he* may prove *himself* a true follow*er* of the cross and memb*er* of Christ's church, so that, witnessing a good confession, *he* may be joined at last to the saints made perfect in heaven?

Ans. I do.

Here follow

PRAYERS,

which may be extemporaneous, or, if preferred, one or more of those here given.

A Prayer for Parents presenting Children to be Baptized.

ETERNAL and unchangeable Lord, our heavenly Father, who hast promised to remember thy people with blessings on their children, strengthen the faith of thy servan*ts* and confirm good purposes in *them*, bestowing upon *them* grace to offer this child unto thee, that, being comforted with the assurance of *his* acceptance and sanctification through thy Spirit, they may be encouraged to unceasing diligence in *his* spiritual nourishing unto eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

A Prayer for the Child before Baptism.

ALL merciful and gracious God, our heavenly Father, who didst reveal thyself to the child Samuel

when he did not yet know thee; who didst declare that thy prophet John should be filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb; and who didst in thy beloved Son welcome the little children that were brought unto thee; we entreat thee of thy tender compassion to graciously work in us and in *this child* that the outward rite which we solemnize in thy name may be a sign of inward baptism by thy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Or this,

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ gavest commandment to thy holy apostles to go into all the world and disciple all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; we beseech thee, that of thine infinite mercy thou wilt look upon *this child:* wash *him* and sanctify *him;* that *he,* being saved by thy grace, may be received into Christ's holy church, and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, may so overcome the evils of this present world, that finally *he* may attain to everlasting life, and reign with thee, world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Congregation: Amen.

O merciful God, grant that all carnal affections may die in *him,* and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him.**

Congregation: Amen.

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh.*

Congregation: Amen.

Or this,

ALMIGHTY, ever living God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both

* Book of Discipline of Methodist Episcopal Church.

water and blood, regard, we beseech thee, our supplications. Sanctify this water for this holy sacrament; and grant that *this child*, now to be baptized, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Congregation: Amen.

When the prayers are ended let the Minister baptize the child, at the same time calling its name and saying:

N. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:

The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Congregation: Amen.

After the administration of baptism, let the Minister pray for the fulfilment of that which is signified by the rite either in his own words, or, if preferred, in the words following.

Prayer after the Baptism of a Child.

HEAR now, O ever gracious Lord, the prayers of thy children, that this which is done on earth may be done in heaven. Of thy fatherly love accompany this baptism of water by the baptism of thy Holy Spirit. O thou by whose grace our natures are cleansed from all defilement and made meet for thy heavenly dwelling, cleanse *this child* from all unholy passions, nourish in *him* godly desires and purposes, suffer *him* never to depart from thee, preserve *him* in body and soul unto eternal life; through Jesus Christ, thine only begotten Son our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Spirit, be praise evermore.

Congregation: Amen.

Or this,

O GOD of infinite mercy, the Father of all the faithful seed, be pleased to grant unto this child an

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understanding mind and a sanctified heart. May thy providence lead *him* through the dangers, temptations, and ignorance of *his* youth, that *he* may never run into folly nor into the evils of an unbridled appetite. We pray thee so to order the course of *his* life, that by good education, by holy examples, and by thy restraining and renewing grace, *he* may be led to serve thee faithfully all *his* days, so that, when *he* has glorified thee in *his* generation, and has served the church on earth, *he* may be received into thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Congregation: Amen.

For Parents.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, let thy mercy and compassion descend upon *these*, thy servant*s*, the parent*s* [or guardian*s*] of *this child*. Grant unto *them*, we beseech thee, thy holy Spirit, that *they* may, like Abraham, command *their* house*hold* to keep the way of the Lord. Direct *their* actions and sanctify *their* hearts, words, and purposes, that *their* whole famil*y* may be united to our Lord Jesus Christ in the bands of faith, obedience, and charity; and that they all, being in this life thy holy children by adoption and grace, may be admitted into the church of the first-born in heaven; through the merits of thy dear Son, our Saviour and Redeemer.*

Congregation: Amen.

When the prayers are ended let the Minister pronounce the Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Congregation: Amen.

While the parties are retiring may be said or sung an appropriate Hymn or Chant; but if the Baptism is in a private house or in a church at a time when no other service is held, the Hymn or Chant may be introduced before the benediction. In such case the Baptismal Service may begin with singing a Hymn or Chant.

* Book of Discipline of Methodist Episcopal Church.

An Order of Service for the Baptism of Adults.*

OBSERVATIONS.

The following service of Christian Profession and Baptism may precede immediately or by some time the reception into the church.

There is ground for distinguishing the act of Christian profession by baptism from the act of union with a local and visibly organized church. The service here proposed may be used for such profession on the part of those who desire to make it, but are, for any reason, not yet prepared to take upon themselves the covenant of church membership. It is equally adapted for use immediately before entering into such a covenant.

After a

HYMN OR CHANT OF INVITATION OR WELCOME

has been said or sung let the Minister read as many of the following passages of Scripture as may seem to him best.

GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him. *John* 3: 16, 17.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely. *Rev.* 22: 17.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,

* A very considerable portion of this service is from the Book of Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Mat.* 11: 28, 29, 30.

Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. *Mat.* 10: 32, 33.

John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. And he preached, saying, There cometh after me he that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I baptized you with water; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. *Mark* 1: 4, 7, 8.

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John would have hindered him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? But Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffereth him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him; and lo, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. *Mat.* 3: 13–17.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. *John* 3: 3–6.

And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make

disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. *Mat.* 28: 18–20.

After the reading of Scripture passages let Prayer be offered for those coming to the Baptism, which Prayer may be in the Minister's own words or in the following words:

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the helper of all that flee to thee for succor, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead, we call upon thee for *these persons;* that *they*, coming to thy holy baptism, may also be filled with thy Holy Spirit. Freely bless *them*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Give now unto us that ask: let us that seek find: open the gate unto us that knock. Grant that *these persons* may evermore be made clean by thy heavenly washing, and may have their inheritance in that eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ Jesus our Lord.

Congregation. Amen.

After the Prayer the Minister should call for the Public Confession of Christ in the following manner, or in such other words as the church may require.

DEARLY beloved, you have heard with what encouraging words our Lord Jesus Christ invites all who will to come unto him, and that he has commanded his ministers to baptize with water those who would follow him. Before you receive this sacrament, which signifies the cleansing of the spirit unto purity of life through faith in the Son of God, you must make your confession of Christ in presence of these witnesses and promise that following him you will renounce the devil and all his works, believing God's holy word, and keeping his commandments.

I demand of you [or of each of you]; dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and

glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow nor be led by them?

Ans. I do.

Ques. Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; and that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; that the third day he rose from the dead; that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting?

Ans. I do.

Ques. Wilt thou be baptized in this faith?

Ans. I will.

Ques. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Ans. I will, God being my helper.

Then may the Minister say:

O MERCIFUL God, grant that all carnal affections may die in *these persons*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them*.

Congregation: Amen.

Grant that *they* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh.

Congregation: Amen.

Then let the Minister call the name of each person and administer Baptism, saying:

N. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Here may be said or sung the Gloria Patri, as many of the congregation as are able joining therein.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Then let the Minister pray, using his own words or one or more of the prayers here given.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

A Prayer for those now Baptized.

WE yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and to faith in thee. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *these persons*, that, being born again, and made *heirs* of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, *they* may continue thy *servants*, and attain thy promises: through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, everlastingly.

Congregation: Amen.

A Prayer for all Baptized Persons.

ALL knowing and ever gracious God, whose promises never fail and who understandest the hearts of the children of men, we earnestly beseech thee for all those in this world who have been baptized in thy name, that thou wilt continue unto them thy faithful ministries. O Defender of the helpless, protect the infants and young children, shield the orphans,

restrain the youth, and guide all in ways of salvation. Bring back, O loving Lord, those who have strayed from thee; enlighten with thy truth such as are in error; reveal thyself to those who renewedly seek thee; comfort the afflicted; strengthen the weak; deliver the tempted; and bring thy sheep to the fold of thine everlasting peace, through Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Saviour; to whom with thee and the Spirit be praise evermore.

Congregation: Amen.

When the prayers are ended let the Minister pronounce the Benediction on those who have been baptized, saying,

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Congregation: Amen.

The Fuller Order for the Reception of Members into the Church.

When the Minister has conferred Baptism on those who have not been previously baptized, let him call for *such as have been baptized in time past* and address them as may seem suitable, calling to mind the things done by them or for them in that Baptism, and requiring the Confirmation of all that was involved therein; or, if he prefer, let him use the following words:

DEARLY beloved, inasmuch as you have in time past received the sacrament of baptism, it is needful that you call to mind the things which you then promised or which others promised on your behalf; the Christian profession then made; the prayer for and the expectation of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the putting away of sin and the following of our Lord Jesus Christ as true disciples, bearing his cross, in the hope of eternal life through him.

I ask you therefore,

Do you now accept, renew, and confirm, all that you then did or that others did on your behalf; believing in the Lord Jesus Christ; purposing obedience to his commandments; renouncing the devil and all his works; the vain pomp and glory of the world; with all covetous desires of the same; and the sinful desires of the flesh; so that you will not follow them nor be led by them?

Ans. I do.

When the above Confirmation of the Christian Profession has been made by those previously baptized let the Minister call upon *all the Candidates*, saying:

IN token of our united faith let us, with this congregation and the holy church throughout the world, confess; saying:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
[He descended into hell,]
These words may be omitted.
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Then let the Minister require of the Candidates* the duties that belong to Membership in Christ's church, saying:

OUR Lord and Saviour while yet he was on the earth, having called his disciples, laid the foundations of his church, committing to it his faith and doctrine. Peter made confession, saying: Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jonah; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall

* If it be the custom of the church to require fresh pledges of those who will join it by letter, these may at this point stand with the other candidates and give pledges with them.

not prevail against it. To his church Jesus confided the sacraments and the evangelization of the nations. St. Paul has declared that the church is the body of Christ, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. Upon it was poured the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and in fulfilment of the promise, Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world, our Lord has through all ages preserved it, gathering into it his saints and making it his witness to the world. Dearly beloved, having confessed Jesus Christ before men, you are now come to this congregation, which is part of the universal church, that you may openly take upon you the vows of membership with us and the covenant of watchfulness and help according to the commandments of our Lord. You do therefore promise to walk with us in the exercise of Christian faith and love; following the example of our common Lord; illustrating his doctrine in a holy life; celebrating the sacraments with his saints; imparting of your temporal things for the evangelizing of the world; not neglecting the assemblies of God's people; but continuing with them in prayers and watchings, in mutual support and comfort, for the perfecting of us all and the coming of the heavenly kingdom.

Do you so covenant?

Ans. I do.

Then should the Members of the church rise and the Minister say:

WE receive you into our fellowship, and as you have witnessed a sincere confession we declare you [a] mem*bers* of the universal church. We promise to walk with you as you have promised to walk with us, for your and our perfecting in holiness, and for the coming of the heavenly kingdom, for which let us pray.

Here let all unite in the Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done

on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then let the Minister offer extemporaneous prayer for those who have been received and for the whole church of Christ, or, if he prefers, let him use the prayers following:

EVER watchful and gracious Lord, we give thanks to thee for *these* thy *servants* whom thou hast mercifully guided into thy fold, and we most earnestly beseech thee, without whom no good thing begun in us or by us can be brought to perfection, to continually refresh and renew *them* by thy Spirit, that they may not be parted from thee by any discouragements and may be joined to the company of thy saints made perfect in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our ever living Redeemer and Advocate.

Congregation: Amen.

HEAR, O Lord, the prayers of thy people for thy church universal, the company of those who believe, that being united in faith and persevering in holiness, we may attain to thine everlasting fellowship, and the complete joy of thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Then let the Minister pronounce the following Ascription:

NOW unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and for evermore.

Congregation: Amen.

The Shorter Order for the Reception of Members into the Church.

The following short form of Admission to the Church has been recommended by the Creed Commission of the National Council of Congregational Churches.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

WHAT shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people. *Ps.* 116: 12–14.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father, which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father, which is in heaven. *Mat.* 10: 32, 33.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. *Rom.* 10: 10.

DEARLY beloved, called of God to be his children through Jesus Christ our Lord, you are here that, in the presence of God and his people, you may enter into the fellowship and communion of his church. You do truly repent of your sins; you heartily receive Jesus Christ as your crucified Saviour and risen Lord; you consecrate your*selves* unto God and your life to his service; you accept his word as your law, and his Spirit as your comforter and guide; and, trusting in his grace to confirm and strengthen you in all

goodness, you promise to do God's holy will, and to walk with this church in the truth and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accepting, according to the measure of your understanding of it, the system of Christian truth held by the churches of our faith and order, and by this church into whose fellowship you now enter; you join with ancient saints, with the church throughout the world, and with us, your fellow believers, in humbly and heartily confessing your faith in the gospel; saying:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Then should Baptism be administered to those who have not been baptized. Then should those rise who would unite with the church by letter. To them the Minister should say:

CONFESSING the Lord whom we unitedly worship, you do now renew your self-consecration, and join with us cordially in this, our Christian faith and covenant.

The Members of the Church present should rise.

WE welcome you into our fellowship. We promise to watch over you with Christian love. God grant

that, loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared, while we dwell together on earth, for the perfect communion of the saints in heaven.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. *Heb.* 13: 20, 21.

[Jude 24, 25 is proposed as an alternative Benediction.]

An Order of Service for the Solemnization of Matrimony.

When the persons seeking marriage are presented before the Minister let him first read so many of the following passages of Scripture as may seem to him best:

As a lily among thorns,
So is my love among the daughters.
As the apple tree among the trees of the wood,
So is my beloved among the sons.
I sat down under his shadow with great delight,
And his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house,
And his banner over me was love. *Cant.* 2: 2, 3, 4.
Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm:
For love is strong as death;
Jealousy is cruel as the grave:
The flashes thereof are flashes of fire,
A very flame of the Lord.
Many waters cannot quench love,
Neither can the floods drown it:
If a man would give all the substance of his house for love,
He would utterly be contemned. *Cant.* 8: 6, 7.
Let marriage be had in honor among all. *Heb.* 13: 4.

Wives, be in subjection unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, being himself the saviour of the body. But as the church is

subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Even so ought husbands also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself; for no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as Christ also the church; because we are members of his body. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the twain shall become one flesh. This mystery is great: but I speak in regard of Christ and of the church. Nevertheless do ye also severally love each one his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see that she fear her husband. *Eph.* 5: 22–33.

And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be in subjection to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. *Col.* 3: 17, 18, 19.

And there came unto him Pharisees, tempting him, and saying, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said, Have ye not read, that he which made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the twain shall become one flesh? So that they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why then did Moses command to give a bill of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses for your hardness of heart suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it hath not been

so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and he that marrieth her when she is put away committeth adultery. *Mat.* 19: 3–9.

DEARLY beloved, you have heard in what honor our Lord doth hold the estate of matrimony, from the beginning appointed of God for the union of one man with one woman unto purity of life in the sanctification of both body and spirit.

Seeing therefore that marriage is of so great moment that it cannot without sin be dissolved except by death, they who enter into this bond may not do so lightly, but must with serious forethought and gravity of purpose promise fidelity to each other in all that pertains to this holy estate.

Then may the Minister address the Witnessing Company saying:

If any man can show just cause, why this man and woman may not be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

Also addressing those who are to be married he may say:

I require and charge you both, as you will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why you may not be joined together in matrimony, you do now confess it. For be you well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful. [In place of "lawful" the word *christian* may be used.]

Here let the Minister say:

The Lord bless Thee, and keep thee:

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father; who knowest all hearts and from whom no secrets are hid, we beseech thee of thy boundless grace to give unto these thy servants true hearts and godly purposes, that taking upon themselves the marriage vows sincerely, they may ever rejoice in fulfilling the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

After the Prayer the Minister should say to the Man and Woman:

Join your right hands.

And when their hands are joined he should address the Man by name, saying:

YOU, *N.*, do now take her whose right hand you hold to be your wedded wife. You promise to love her, protect her, and sustain her; and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as you both shall live.

Do you so promise?

Then shall the Man answer:

I do.

Then should the Minister address the Woman by name, saying:

YOU, *M.*, do now take him whose right hand you hold to be your wedded husband. You promise to love him, to cherish him, to yield him honor and reverence, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as you both shall live.

Do you so promise?

Then shall the Woman answer:

I do.

If the parties will use the marriage ring, let the Man give the ring to the Woman, and let her give it to the Minister; and the Minister shall restore it to the Man to place on the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, and holding it there the Man shall say after the Minister:

WITH this ring I thee wed, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

When these vows and pledges have been given the Minister shall say:

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; I pronounce you *N.* and *M.* to be lawful husband and wife. Those whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder.

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

ETERNAL and ever faithful Lord, who hast heard the vows which thy servants have made before thee; bountifully bestow upon them thy grace, that the things which they have promised to do may never seem burdensome to them, but that the doing of them may bring continually increasing joy; through Jesus Christ, who for us was faithful unto death.

Amen.

BOUNTEOUS Giver of all good, who knowest how to reward the innocent and to bless thy faithful ones, we entreat thee to bestow upon this husband and this wife thy benediction. Graciously lead them in the way appointed by thy mercy, bless them with such measure of worldly good as may be expedient for them, keep them in health and peace, in mutual trust and comfort, and at the end of this earthly life vouchsafe unto them a glad entrance into thy heavenly dwelling; through our only Mediator and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

After the Prayers the Minister should pronounce the Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

AS AN ALTERNATE FORM THE FOLLOWING IS GIVEN FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

At the day and time appointed for Solemnization of Matrimony, the persons to be married shall come into the body of the church, or shall be ready in some proper house, with their friends and neighbors; and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say:

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which is commended of St. Paul to be honorable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

And also speaking unto the persons who are to be married, he shall say:

I REQUIRE and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

The Minister, if he shall have reason to doubt of the lawfulness of the proposed marriage, may demand sufficient surety for his indemnification; but if no impediment shall be alleged, or suspected. the Minister shall say to the Man:

M. WILT thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor, and keep her in sickness and in health: and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The Man shall answer:

I will.

Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman:

N. WILT thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The Woman shall answer:

I will.

Then shall the Minister say:

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

Then shall they give their troth to each other in this manner.

The Minister, receiving the Woman at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to say after him as followeth:

I *M.* take thee *N.* to my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister:

I *N.* take thee *M.* to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

Then shall they again loose their hands; and the Man shall give unto the Woman a ring. And the Minister taking the ring shall deliver it unto the Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man holding the ring there, and taught by the Minister, shall say:

WITH this ring I thee wed, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Man, leaving the ring upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, the Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, giver of all spiritual grace, the author of everlasting life; send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy name; that, as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof this ring given and received is a token and pledge,) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say:

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Then shall the Minister speak unto the company:

FORASMUCH as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a ring, and by joining hands: I pronounce that they are man and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

And the Minister shall add this Blessing:

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you: The Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

An Order of Service at Funerals.

If convenient the Funeral Service may open with a Hymn read or sung or with a Chant. After the Hymn or Chant should be read as many of the following

PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE

as may be thought best.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place
In all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
Thou turnest man to destruction;
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.
For a thousand years in thy sight
Are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep:
In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
We bring our years to an end as a tale that is told.
The days of our years are threescore years and ten,
Or even by reason of strength fourscore years;
Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow;
For it is soon gone, and we fly away. *Ps.* 90: 1-6, 9, 10.

Lord, make me to know mine end,
And the measure of my days, what it is;
Let me know how frail I am.
Behold, thou hast made my days as handbreadths;

And mine age is as nothing before thee:
Surely every man at his best estate is altogether vanity.
Surely every man walketh in a vain show:
Surely they are disquieted in vain:
He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them. *Ps.* 39: 4–6.

We brought nothing into the world, . . . neither can we carry anything out. 1 *Tim.* 6: 7.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. *Job* 1: 21.

Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or that. *James* 90: 12–15.

So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us an heart of wisdom.
Return, O Lord; how long?
And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
O satisfy us in the morning with thy mercy;
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.
Ps. 90: 12–15.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him
For the health of his countenance.
O my God, my soul is cast down within me:
Therefore do I remember thee from the land of Jordan,
And the Hermons, from the hill Mizar.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-
spouts:
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
Yet the Lord will command his loving kindness in
the day-time,
And in the night his song shall be with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my life. *Ps.* 42: 5-8.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways,
And gracious in all his works.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him,
To all that call upon him in truth.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him;
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
Ps. 145: 17-19.

The Lord is full of compassion and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
He will not always chide;
Neither will he keep his anger for ever.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins,
Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Of a little child.

Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear him.
For he knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that we are dust.
As for man, his days are as grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting upon them that fear him,
And his righteousness unto children's children;
To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his precepts to do
them. *Ps.* 103: 8-18.

My son, regard not lightly the chastening of the Lord,
Nor faint when thou art reproved of him;
For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,
And scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

It is for chastening that ye endure; God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father chasteneth not? But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have been made partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us as seemed good to them; but he for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness. All chastening seemeth for the present to be not joyous, but grievous; yet afterward it yieldeth peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, even the fruit of righteousness. Wherefore lift up the hands that hang down, and the palsied knees; and make straight paths for your feet, that that which is lame be not turned out of the way, but rather be healed. *Heb.* 12: 5-13.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my thoughts:
And see if there be any way of wickedness in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting. *Ps.* 139: 23-24.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;
And in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:
And in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me to hear joy and gladness;
That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation:
And uphold me with a free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways:
And sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Ps. 51: 5–13.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains:
From whence shall my help come?
My help cometh from the Lord,
Which made heaven and earth. *Ps.* 121: 1, 2.

Whom have I in heaven but thee?
And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.
My flesh and my heart faileth:
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever. *Ps.* 73: 25, 26.

They that trust in the Lord
Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth for ever.
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
So the Lord is round about his people,
From this time forth and for evermore.
Ps. 125: 1, 2.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice:
Let thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.
If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with thee,
That thou mayest be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.
My soul looketh for the Lord,
More than watchmen look for the morning;

Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the Lord;
For with the Lord there is mercy,
And with him is plenteous redemption. *Ps.* 130: 1-7.

My soul, wait thou only upon God;
For my expectation is from him.
He only is my rock and my salvation:
He is my high tower; I shall not be moved.
With God is my salvation and my glory:
The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
Trust in him at all times, ye people;
Pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. *Ps.* 62: 5-8.

Of a little child.

Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped; and he said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither; the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. *Job* 1: 20, 21.

Of a little child.

But when David saw that his servants whispered together, David perceived that the child was dead: and David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel; and he came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who knoweth whether the Lord will not be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I

fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. *2 Sam.* 12: 19-23.

Of a little child.

And they brought unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. *Mark.* 10: 13, 14.

Of a little child.

Thus saith the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children; she refuseth to be comforted for her children, because they are not. Thus saith the Lord: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope for thy latter end, saith the Lord; and thy children shall come again to their own border. *Jer.* 31: 15-17.

Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun. Yea, if a man live many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many.

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. *Eccl.* 11: 7-9.

Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, or ever the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; or ever the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, be darkened, and the clouds return after the rain: in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow them-

selves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the street; when the sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; yea, they shall be afraid of that which is high, and terrors shall be in the way; and the almond tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and the caper-berry shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern; and the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return unto God who gave it.

Eccl. 12: 1–7.

A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made glad. *Eccl.* 7: 1–3.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,
And the man that getteth understanding.
For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver,
And the gain thereof than fine gold.
She is more precious than rubies:
And none of the things thou canst desire are to be compared unto her.
Length of days is in her right hand;
In her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace. *Prov.* 3: 13–17.

This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard: fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every

work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil. *Eccl.* 12: 13, 14.

Of a little child.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. *John* 14: 1-3.

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. 1 *Thes.* 4: 13-18.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying

that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: but thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord. *1 Cor.* 15: 50–58.

But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God appointed us not unto wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as also ye do. *1 Thes.* 5: 8–11.

Of a little child.

See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. *Mat.* 18: 10.

Of a little child.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple thereof. And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp thereof is the Lamb. And the nations shall walk amidst the light thereof: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory into it. And the gates thereof shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there): and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it: and there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. *Rev.* 21: 22–27.

And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall do him service; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. *Rev.* 22: 1–5.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them. *Rev.* 14: 13.

After the reading of passages of Scripture follows

THE FUNERAL DISCOURSE,

if any is to be held.

After the Discourse, or, if the same is omitted, after the Scripture, follows

THE PRAYER.

Some of the Prayers at the close of the Burial Service are suitable to be used at the house or in the church.

Then may be read or sung

A HYMN.

After the Hymn, if the Minister does not intend to go to the grave let him pronounce the Benediction; but if he is to continue the Service at the grave the Benediction should be reserved for the close of the Burial Service.

The Burial of the Dead.

When the friends are gathered at the grave, and before the lowering of the casket, a Hymn may be sung, if so desired; and then let the Minister, during the preparation and the lowering of the casket, read such of the following passages of Scripture as may seem to him best.

MAN that is born of a woman
Is of few days, and full of trouble.
He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down:
He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
Job 14: 1, 2.

It is appointed unto men once to die. *Heb.* 9: 27.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
Eccl. 12: 7.

The Lord is full of compassion and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. *Ps.* 103: 8.

If a man die, shall he live again? *Job* 14: 14.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believest thou this? *John* 11: 25.

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, where are thy plagues? O grave, where is thy destruction?
Hosea 13: 14.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.
Rev. 14: 13.

Of a little child.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom. *Is.* 40: 11.

When the body has been lowered into the Grave let the Minister say:

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself. Amen.

If the body is temporarily placed in a Tomb let the Minister say:

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the tomb; looking for the general resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself. Amen.

If the burial be at Sea let the Minister say:

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our *brother* departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the deep, to be turned into corruption, looking for the resurrection of the body, (when the sea shall give up her dead,) and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who at his coming

shall change our vile body, that it may be like his glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself. Amen.

After the committal of the body follow

PRAYERS,

which may be extemporaneous, or, if preferred, one or more of the Prayers here given may be used.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

Burial of a child.

MOST merciful Father, who hast hastened to take this child's soul unto thyself; grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that having served thee with constancy on earth, we may be joined hereafter with thy blessed

* From the Book of Common Prayer.

children in glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

O LORD, the faithful God and Father, who dost chasten all those whom thou lovest, to the end that they may not be condemned with the godless, we beseech thy fatherly compassion, that under our cross we may be comforted by thy Spirit and thy holy word, so that we may patiently endure the short hour of our misery, and may with full assurance hope and believe that thou wilt soon change our pain and sadness to eternal joy and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ.† Amen.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who dost, out of thy fatherly goodness, here on earth in all places subject thy children to the cross and expose them to storms, that they may be shielded from sin and exercised in faith, hope, and prayer; we beseech thee to comfort us in all conflicts and extremities, hearing our petitions and sending succor, to the end that we may not be discouraged, but confessing thy fatherly grace and assistance, may, with all thy saints, laud, praise, and thank thee; through our Lord Jesus Christ.† Amen.

MERCIFUL and eternal God, who willest that we suffer and die with Christ before we are raised to glory with him; of thy grace make us always submissive before thee; and grant that continuing steadfast in faith unto the end, we may comfort ourselves with rejoicing in view of our future resurrection and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.† Amen.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, strength of the weak and comfort of the sorrowful; graciously receive the petitions of all those who in trouble and conflict sigh before thee and cry unto thee; that they

* From the Book Annexed.
† German Evangelical Lutheran Church Book.

may severally experience and duly record thy faithfulness and help vouchsafed to them in the time of their need; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.* Amen.

After Prayer let the Minister pronounce

THE BENEDICTION.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

* German Evangelical Lutheran Church Book.

Selections for Responsive Reading.

GOD IN NATURE AND IN HISTORY.

FIRST SELECTION.

God provides.

Ps. 104 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, thou art very great;
Thou art clothed with honor and majesty.
2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment;
Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
3 *Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters;*
Who maketh the clouds his chariot;
Who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
4 Who maketh winds his messengers;
His ministers a flaming fire:
5 *Who laid the foundations of the earth,*
That it should not be moved for ever.
6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a vesture;
The waters stood above the mountains.
7 *At thy rebuke they fled;*
At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away;
8 *They went up by the mountains, they went down by the valleys,*
Unto the place which thou hadst founded for them.
9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over;
That they turn not again to cover the earth.
10 *He sendeth forth springs into the valleys;*
They run among the mountains:

11 *They give drink to every beast of the field;*
The wild asses quench their thirst.
12 By them the fowl of the heaven have their habitation,
They sing among the branches.
13 *He watereth the mountains from his chambers:*
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
And herb for the service of man;
That he may bring forth food out of the earth:
15 *And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,*
And oil to make his face to shine,
And bread that strengtheneth man's heart.
16 The trees of the Lord are satisfied;
The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;
17 *Where the birds make their nests:*
As for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
The rocks are a refuge for the conies.
19 *He appointed the moon for seasons:*
The sun knoweth his going down.
20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night;
Wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.
21 *The young lions roar after their prey,*
And seek their meat from God.
22 *The sun ariseth, they get them away,*
And lay them down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth unto his work
And to his labor until the evening.
24 *O Lord, how manifold are thy works!*
In wisdom hast thou made them all:
The earth is full of thy riches.
25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
Wherein are things creeping innumerable,
Both small and great beasts.
26 *There go the ships;*
There is leviathan, whom thou hast formed to take his pastime therein.
27 These wait all upon thee,
That thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

28 That thou givest unto them they gather;
Thou openest thine hand, they are satisfied with good.
29 *Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled;*
Thou takest away their breath, they die,
And return to their dust.
30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created;
And thou renewest the face of the ground.
31 *Let the glory of the Lord endure for ever;*
Let the Lord rejoice in his works:
32 Who looketh on the earth, and it trembleth;
He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
33 *I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:*
I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.

SECOND SELECTION.

Nature and the Law.

Ps. 19 The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament showeth his handy-work.
2 *Day unto day uttereth speech,*
And night unto night showeth knowledge.
3 There is no speech nor language;
Their voice cannot be heard.
4 *Their line is gone out through all the earth,*
And their words to the end of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.
6 *His going forth is from the end of the heaven,*
And his circuit unto the ends of it:
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul:
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
8 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever:
The judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned:
In keeping of them there is great reward.
12 *Who can discern his errors?*
Clear thou me from hidden faults.
13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be perfect,
And I shall be clear from great transgression.
14 *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,*
O Lord, my rock, and my redeemer.

THIRD SELECTION.

Universal dependence on God.

Ps. 67 God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause his face to shine upon us;
2 That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
3 *Let the peoples praise thee, O God;*
Let all the peoples praise thee.
4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
For thou shalt judge the peoples with equity,
And govern the nations upon earth.
5 *Let the peoples praise thee, O God;*
Let all the peoples praise thee.
6 The earth hath yielded her increase:
God, even our own God, shall bless us.
7 *God shall bless us;*
And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Ps. 65 Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion:
And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
2 *O thou that hearest prayer,*
Unto thee shall all flesh come.
3 Iniquities prevail against me:
As for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.
4 *Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee,*
That he may dwell in thy courts:
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,
The holy place of thy temple.
5 By terrible things thou wilt answer us in righteousness,
O God of our salvation;
Thou that art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,
And of them that are afar off upon the sea:
6 *Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains;*
Being girded about with might:
7 Which stilleth the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples.
8 *They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens:*
Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it,
Thou greatly enrichest it;
The river of God is full of water:
Thou providest them corn, when thou hast so prepared the earth.
10 Thou waterest her furrows abundantly;
Thou settlest the ridges thereof:
Thou makest it soft with showers;
Thou blessest the springing thereof.
11 *Thou crownest the year with thy goodness;*
And thy paths drop fatness.
12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness:
And the hills are girded with joy.

13 *The pastures are clothed with flocks;*
The valleys also are covered over with corn;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

FOURTH SELECTION.

God glorified in Nature and in Man.

Ps. 8 O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!
Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens.
2 *Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou established strength,*
Because of thine adversaries,
That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that thou visitest him?
5 *For thou hast made him but little lower than God,*
And crownest him with glory and honor.
6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet:
7 *All sheep and oxen,*
Yea, and the beasts of the field;
8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,
Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
9 *O Lord, our Lord,*
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Ps. 29 Give unto the Lord, O ye sons of the mighty,
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.
2 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name;
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 *The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:*
The God of glory thundereth,
Even the Lord upon many waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
5 *The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars;*
Yea, the Lord breaketh in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild-ox.
7 *The voice of the Lord cleaveth the flames of fire.*
8 The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness;
The Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 *The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve,*
And strippeth the forests bare:
And in his temple every thing saith, Glory.

10 The Lord sat as king at the Flood;
Yea, the Lord sitteth as king for ever.
11 *The Lord will give strength unto his people;*
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

FIFTH SELECTION.

The God of Jacob contrasted with Idols.

Ps. 114 When Israel went forth out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
2 Judah became his sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.
3 *The sea saw it, and fled;*
Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
The little hills like young sheep.
5 *What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest?*
Thou Jordan, that thou turnest back?
6 Ye mountains, that yė skip like rams;
Ye little hills, like young sheep?
7 *Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord,*
At the presence of the God of Jacob;
8 *Which turned the rock into a pool of water,*
The flint into a fountain of waters.

Ps. 115 Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,
But unto thy name give glory,
For thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
2 *Wherefore should the nations say,*
Where is now their God?
3 But our God is in the heavens:
He hath done whatsoever he pleased.
4 *Their idols are silver and gold,*
The work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not;
6 *They have ears, but they hear not;*
Noses have they, but they smell not;
7 They have hands, but they handle not;
Feet have they, but they walk not;
Neither speak they through their throat.
8 *They that make them shall be like unto them;*
Yea, every one that trusteth in them.
9 O Israel, trust thou in the Lord:
He is their help and their shield.
10 *O house of Aaron, trust ye in the Lord:*
He is their help and their shield.
11 Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord:
He is their help and their shield.
12 *The Lord hath been mindful of us; he will bless us:*
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
13 *He will bless them that fear the Lord,*
Both small and great.
14 The Lord increase you more and more,
You and your children.
15 Blessed are ye of the Lord,
Which made heaven and earth.
16 *The heavens are the heavens of the Lord;*
But the earth hath he given to the children of men.
17 The dead praise not the Lord,
Neither any that go down into silence;
18 *But we will bless the Lord*
From this time forth and for evermore.
Praise ye the Lord.

SIXTH SELECTION.

God above all Gods.

Ps. 134 Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord,
Which by night stand in the house of the Lord.
2 Lift up your hands to the sanctuary,
And bless ye the Lord.
3 *The Lord bless thee out of Zion;*
Even he that made heaven and earth.

Ps. 135 Praise ye the Lord.
Praise ye the name of the Lord;
Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord:
2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord,
In the courts of the house of our God.
3 *Praise ye the Lord; for the Lord is good:*
Sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.
4 *For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself,*
And Israel for his peculiar treasure.
5 For I know that the Lord is great,
And that our Lord is above all gods.
6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that hath he done,
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.
7 *He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;*
He maketh lightnings for the rain;
He bringeth forth the wind out of his treasuries.
8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.
9 *He sent signs and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt,*
Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.
10 Who smote many nations,
And slew mighty kings;
11 Sihon king of the Amorites,
And Og king of Bashan,
And all the kingdoms of Canaan:

12 And gave their land for an heritage,
An heritage unto Israel his people.
13 *Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever;*
Thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.
14 *For the Lord shall judge his people,*
And repent himself concerning his servants.

15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
16 *They have mouths, but they speak not;*
Eyes have they, but they see not;
17 *They have ears, but they hear not;*
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18 They that make them shall be like unto them;
Yea, every one that trusteth in them.
19 *O house of Israel, bless ye the Lord:*
O house of Aaron, bless ye the Lord:
20 *O house of Levi, bless ye the Lord:*
Ye that fear the Lord, bless ye the Lord.
21 Blessed be the Lord out of Zion,
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.
Praise ye the Lord.

SEVENTH SELECTION.

Mercy to rebellious Israel.

Ps. 106 Praise ye the Lord.
O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
2 *Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord,*
Or show forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are they that keep judgment,
And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
4 *Remember me, O Lord, with the favor that thou bearest unto thy people;*
O visit me with thy salvation:
5 That I may see the prosperity of thy chosen,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
That I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 *We have sinned with our fathers,*
We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt;
They remembered not the multitude of thy mercies;
But were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
8 *Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake,*
That he might make his mighty power to be known.
9 *He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up:*
So he led them through the depths, as through a wilderness.
10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
11 And the waters covered their adversaries:
There was not one of them left.
12 *Then believed they his words;*
They sang his praise.
13 They soon forgat his works;
They waited not for his counsel:
14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
And tempted God in the desert.
15 *And he gave them their request;*
But sent leanness into their soul.
16 They envied Moses also in the camp,
And Aaron the saint of the Lord.
17 *The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,*
And covered the company of Abiram.
18 *And a fire was kindled in their company;*
The flame burned up the wicked.
19 They made a calf in Horeb,
And worshipped a molten image.
20 Thus they changed their glory
For the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.
21 *They forgat God their saviour,*
Which had done great things in Egypt;
22 *Wondrous works in the land of Ham,*
And terrible things by the Red Sea.
23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them,
Had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,
To turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

24 *Yea, they despised the pleasant land,*
They believed not his word;
25 *But murmured in their tents,*
And hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.
26 Therefore he lifted up his hand unto them,
That he would overthrow them in the wilderness:
27 And that he would overthrow their seed among the nations,
And scatter them in the lands.
28 *They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor,*
And ate the sacrifices of the dead.
29 *Thus they provoked him to anger with their doings;*
And the plague brake in upon them.
30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment:
And so the plague was stayed.
31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness,
Unto all generations for evermore.
32 *They angered him also at the waters of Meribah,*
So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:
33 *Because they were rebellious against his spirit,*
And he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
34 They did not destroy the peoples,
As the Lord commanded them;
35 But mingled themselves with the nations,
And learned their works:
36 And they served their idols;
Which became a snare unto them:
37 *Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons,*
38 *And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters,*
Whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan;
And the land was polluted with blood.
39 Thus were they defiled with their works,
And went a whoring in their doings.
40 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people,
And he abhorred his inheritance.
41 *And he gave them into the hand of the nations;*
And they that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were brought into subjection under their hand.
43 *Many times did he deliver them;*
But they were rebellious in their counsel,
And were brought low in their iniquity.
44 Nevertheless he regarded their distress,
When he heard their cry:
45 And he remembered for them his covenant,
And repented according to the multitude of his mercies.
46 *He made them also to be pitied*
Of all those that carried them captives.

47 Save us, O Lord our God,
And gather us from among the nations,
To give thanks unto thy holy name,
And to triumph in thy praise.

48 *Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,*
From everlasting even to everlasting.
And let all the people say, Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.

EIGHTH SELECTION.

Enduring mercy.

Ps. 136 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of gods:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
3 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
4 To him who alone doeth great wonders:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
5 To him that by understanding made the heavens:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
6 To him that spread forth the earth above the waters:
For his mercy endureth for ever.

7 To him that made great lights:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
8 The sun to rule by day:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
9 The moon and stars to rule by night:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
11 And brought out Israel from among them:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
13 To him which divided the Red Sea in sunder:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
16 To him which led his people through the wilderness:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
17 To him which smote great kings:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
18 And slew famous kings:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
19 Sihon king of the Amorites:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
20 And Og king of Bashan:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
21 And gave their land for an heritage:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
22 Even an heritage unto Israel his servant:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
23 Who remembered us in our low estate:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
24 And hath delivered us from our adversaries:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
25 He giveth food to all flesh:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven:
For his mercy endureth for ever.

DIDACTIC.

NINTH SELECTION.

Prosperity of the Righteous.

Ps. 1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2 *But his delight is in the law of the Lord;*
And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water,
That bringeth forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also doth not wither;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
4 *The wicked are not so;*
But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6 *For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous:*
But the way of the wicked shall perish.

Ps. 112 Praise ye the Lord.
Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord,
That delighteth greatly in his commandments.
2 *His seed shall be mighty upon earth:*
The generation of the upright shall be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches are in his house:
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 *Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:*
He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
5 Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously and lendeth;
He shall maintain his cause in judgment.
6 *For he shall never be moved;*
The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.
7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings:
His heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

8 *His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,*
Until he see his desire upon his adversaries.
9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy;
His righteousness endureth for ever:
His horn shall be exalted with honor.
10 *The wicked shall see it, and be grieved;*
He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away:
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

Ps. 26 Judge me, O Lord, for I have walked in mine integrity:
I have trusted also in the Lord without wavering.
2 *Examine me, O Lord, and prove me;*
Try my reins and my heart.
3 *For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes;*
And I have walked in thy truth.
4 I have not sat with vain persons;
Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
5 *I hate the congregation of evil-doers,*
And will not sit with the wicked.
6 I will wash mine hands in innocency;
So will I compass thine altar, O Lord:
7 That I may make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard,
And tell of all thy wondrous works.
8 *Lord, I love the habitation of thy house,*
And the place where thy glory dwelleth.
9 Gather not my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with men of blood:
10 In whose hands is mischief,
And their right hand is full of bribes.
11 *But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity:*
Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
12 My foot standeth in an even place:
In the congregations will I bless the Lord.

TENTH SELECTION.

Safe Dwelling of the Righteous.

Ps. 15 Lord, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
2 *He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,*
And speaketh truth in his heart.
3 He that slandereth not with his tongue,
Nor doeth evil to his friend,
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.
4 *In whose eyes a reprobate is despised;*
But he honoreth them that fear the Lord.
He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
5 He that putteth not out his money to usury,
Nor taketh reward against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Ps. 91 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 *I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress;*
My God, in whom I trust.
3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.
4 *He shall cover thee with his pinions,*
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge:
His truth is a shield and a buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
7 *A thousand shall fall at thy side,*
And ten thousand at thy right hand;
But it shall not come nigh thee.
8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,
And see the reward of the wicked.

9 *For thou, O Lord, art my refuge!*
Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation;
10 There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
11 *For he shall give his angels charge over thee,*
To keep thee in all thy ways.
12 *They shall bear thee up in their hands,*
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:
The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample under feet.
14 *Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:*
I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble:
I will deliver him, and honor him.
16 *With long life will I satisfy him,*
And show him my salvation.

ELEVENTH SELECTION.

The Cry of the Righteous heard.

Ps. 34 I will bless the Lord at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 *My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:*
The meek shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3 O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt his name together.
4 *I sought the Lord, and he answered me,*
And delivered me from all my fears.
5 They looked unto him, and were lightened:
And their faces shall never be confounded.
6 *This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him,*
And saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him,
And delivereth them.
8 *O taste and see that the Lord is good:*
Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the Lord, ye his saints:
For there is no want to them that fear him.
10 *The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger:*
But they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.
11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12 *What man is he that desireth life,*
And loveth many days, that he may see good?
13 Keep thy tongue from evil,
And thy lips from speaking guile.
14 *Depart from evil, and do good;*
Seek peace, and pursue it.
15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous,
And his ears are open unto their cry.
16 *The face of the Lord is against them that do evil,*
To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 The righteous cried, and the Lord heard,
And delivered them out of all their troubles.
18 *The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart,*
And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous:
But the Lord delivereth him out of them all.
20 *He keepeth all his bones:*
Not one of them is broken.
21 Evil shall slay the wicked:
And they that hate the righteous shall be condemned.
22 *The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants:*
And none of them that trust in him shall be condemned.

Ps. 117 O praise the Lord, all ye nations;
Laud him, all ye peoples.
2 *For his mercy is great toward us;*
And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Praise ye the Lord.

TWELFTH SELECTION.

Riches a Vain Trust.

Ps. 52 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man?
The mercy of God endureth continually.
2 *Thy tongue deviseth very wickedness;*
Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
3 Thou lovest evil more than good;
And lying rather than to speak righteousness.
4 *Thou lovest all devouring words,*
O thou deceitful tongue.
5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever,
He shall take thee up, and pluck thee out of thy tent,
And root thee out of the land of the living.
6 *The righteous also shall see it, and fear,*
And shall laugh at him, saying,
7 *Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength;*
But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
And strengthened himself in his wickedness.
8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God:
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
9 *I will give thee thanks for ever, because thou hast done it:*
And I will wait on thy name, for it is good, in the presence of thy saints.

Ps. 49 Hear this, all ye peoples;
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:
2 *Both low and high,*
Rich and poor together.
3 My mouth shall speak wisdom;
And the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.
4 *I will incline mine ear to a parable:*
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,
When iniquity at my heels compasseth me about?

6 *They that trust in their wealth,*
And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;
7 *None of them can by any means redeem his brother,*
Nor give to God a ransom for him:
8 (For the redemption of their soul is costly,
And must be let alone for ever:)
9 *That he should still live alway,*
That he should not see corruption.
10 For he seeth that wise men die,
The fool and the brutish together perish,
And leave their wealth to others.
11 *Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever,*
And their dwelling places to all generations;
They call their lands after their own names.
12 But man abideth not in honor:
He is like the beasts that perish.

13 *This their way is their folly:*
Yet after them men approve their sayings.
14 They are appointed as a flock for Sheol;
Death shall be their shepherd:
And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;
And their beauty shall be for Sheol to consume, that there be no habitation for it.
15 *But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol:*
For he shall receive me.
16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,
When the glory of his house is increased:
17 *For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away;*
His glory shall not descend after him.
18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul,
And men praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself,
19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers;
They shall never see the light.
20 *Man that is in honor, and understandeth not,*
Is like the beasts that perish.

THIRTEENTH SELECTION.

Evil Words of the Ungodly avenged.

Ps. 64 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint:
Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
2 *Hide me from the secret counsel of evil-doers;*
From the tumult of the workers of iniquity:
3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword,
And have aimed their arrows, even bitter words:
4 That they may shoot in secret places at the perfect:
Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose;
They commune of laying snares privily;
They say, Who shall see them?
6 *They search out iniquities; We have accomplished, say they, a diligent search:*
And the inward thought of every one, and the heart, is deep.
7 But God shall shoot at them;
With an arrow suddenly shall they be wounded.
8 *So they shall be made to stumble, their own tongue being against them:*
All that see them shall wag the head.
9 And all men shall fear;
And they shall declare the work of God,
And shall wisely consider of his doing.
10 *The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him;*
And all the upright in heart shall glory.

Ps. 12 Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth;
For the faithful fail from among the children of men.
2 *They speak vanity every one with his neighbor:*
With flattering lip, and with a double heart, do they speak.
3 The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips,
The tongue that speaketh great things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail;
Our lips are our own: who is lord over us?
5 *For the spoiling of the poor, for the sighing of the needy,*
Now will I arise, saith the Lord;
I will set him in safety at whom they puff.
6 The words of the Lord are pure words;
As silver tried in a furnace on the earth,
Purified seven times.
7 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord,
Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
8 *The wicked walk on every side,*
When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

FOURTEENTH SELECTION.

Evil-doers not to be envied.

Ps. 37 Fret not thyself because of evil-doers,
Neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness.
2 *For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,*
And wither as the green herb.
3 Trust in the Lord, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and follow after faithfulness.
4 *Delight thyself also in the Lord;*
And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
5 Commit thy way unto the Lord;
Trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.
6 *And he shall make thy righteousness to go forth as the light,*
And thy judgment as the noonday.
7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him:
Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way,
Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
8 *Cease from anger, and forsake wrath:*
Fret not thyself, it tendeth only to evil-doing.
9 For evil-doers shall be cut off:

But those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the land.
10 *For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be:*
Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and he shall not be.
11 But the meek shall inherit the land;
And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
12 *The wicked plotteth against the just,*
And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
13 The Lord shall laugh at him:
For he seeth that his day is coming.
14 *The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow;*
To cast down the poor and needy,
To slay such as be upright in the way:
15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart,
And their bows shall be broken.
16 *Better is a little that the righteous hath*
Than the abundance of many wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken:
But the Lord upholdeth the righteous.
18 *The Lord knoweth the days of the perfect:*
And their inheritance shall be for ever.
19 They shall not be ashamed in the time of evil:
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
20 *But the wicked shall perish,*
And the enemies of the Lord shall be as the excellency of the pastures:
They shall consume; in smoke shall they consume away.
21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again:
But the righteous dealeth graciously, and giveth.
22 *For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the land;*
And they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.
23 A man's goings are established of the Lord;
And he delighteth in his way.
24 *Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down:*
For the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.
25 I have been young, and now am old;

Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his seed begging their bread.
26 *All the day long he dealeth graciously, and lendeth;*
And his seed is blessed.
27 Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell for evermore.
28 *For the Lord loveth judgment,*
And forsaketh not his saints;
They are preserved for ever:
But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell therein for ever.
30 *The mouth of the righteous talketh of wisdom,*
And his tongue speaketh judgment.
31 The law of his God is in his heart;
None of his steps shall slide.
32 *The wicked watcheth the righteous,*
And seeketh to slay him.
33 The Lord will not leave him in his hand,
Nor condemn him when he is judged.
34 *Wait on the Lord, and keep his way,*
And he shall exalt thee to inherit the land:
When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.
35 I have seen the wicked in great power,
And spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.
36 But one passed by, and, lo, he was not:
Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
37 *Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright:*
For the latter end of that man is peace.
38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together:
The latter end of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord:
He is their strong hold in the time of trouble.
40 *And the Lord helpeth them, and rescueth them:*
He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them,
Because they have taken refuge in him.

FIFTEENTH SELECTION.

Deniers of God rejected.

Ps. 53 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity;
There is none that doeth good.
2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there were any that did understand,
That did seek after God.
3 *Every one of them is gone back; they are together become filthy;*
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge?
Who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And call not upon God.
5 *There were they in great fear, where no fear was:*
For God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee;
Thou hast put them to shame, because God hath rejected them.
6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
When God bringeth back the captivity of his people,
Then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Ps. 36 The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart,
There is no fear of God before his eyes.
2 *For he flattereth himself in his own eyes,*
That his iniquity shall not be found out and be hated.
3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit:
He hath left off to be wise and to do good.
4 *He deviseth iniquity upon his bed;*
He setteth himself in a way that is not good;
He abhorreth not evil.

5 Thy lovingkindness, O Lord, is in the heavens;
Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies.
6 *Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God;*
Thy judgments are a great deep:
O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.
7 How precious is thy lovingkindness, O God!
And the children of men take refuge under the shadow of thy wings.
8 *They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house;*
And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
9 For with thee is the fountain of life:
In thy light shall we see light.
10 *O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee;*
And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
12 *There are the workers of iniquity fallen:*
They are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

SIXTEENTH SELECTION.

The End of Sinners learned in the Sanctuary.

Ps. 73 Surely God is good to Israel,
Even to such as are pure in heart.
2 *But as for me, my feet were almost gone;*
My steps had well nigh slipped.
3 *For I was envious at the arrogant,*
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For there are no bands in their death:
But their strength is firm.
5 They are not in trouble as other men;
Neither are they plagued like other men.
6 *Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck;*
Violence covereth them as a garment.
7 Their eyes stand out with fatness:
They have more than heart could wish.

8 *They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression:*
They speak loftily.
9 They have set their mouth in the heavens,
And their tongue walketh through the earth.
10 *Therefore his people return hither:*
And waters of a full cup are wrung out by them.
11 And they say, How doth God know?
And is there knowledge in the Most High?
12 *Behold, these are the wicked;*
And, being alway at ease, they increase in riches.
13 Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart,
And washed my hands in innocency;
14 For all the day long have I been plagued,
And chastened every morning.
15 *If I had said, I will speak thus;*
Behold, I had dealt treacherously with the generation of thy children.
16 When I thought how I might know this,
It was too painful for me;
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God,
And considered their latter end.
18 *Surely thou settest them in slippery places:*
Thou castest them down to destruction.
19 How are they become a desolation in a moment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
20 *As a dream when one awaketh;*
So, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.
21 For my heart was grieved,
And I was pricked in my reins:
22 So brutish was I, and ignorant;
I was as a beast before thee.
23 *Nevertheless I am continually with thee:*
Thou hast holden my right hand.
24 *Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel,*
And afterward receive me to glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but thee?
And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.
26 *My flesh and my heart faileth:*

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.
27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish:
Thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.
28 *But it is good for me to draw near unto God:*
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
That I may tell of all thy works.

SEVENTEENTH SELECTION.

God judges Unjust Judges.

Ps. 82 God standeth in the congregation of God;
He judgeth among the gods.
2 *How long will ye judge unjustly,*
And respect the persons of the wicked?
3 Judge the poor and fatherless:
Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
4 *Rescue the poor and needy:*
Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
5 They know not, neither do they understand;
They walk to and fro in darkness:
All the foundations of the earth are moved.
6 *I said, Ye are gods,*
And all of you sons of the Most High.
7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes.
8 *Arise, O God, judge the earth:*
For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

Ps. 75 We give thanks unto thee, O God;
We give thanks, for thy name is near:
Men tell of thy wondrous works.
2 *When I shall find the set time,*
I will judge uprightly.
3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved:
I have set up the pillars of it.
4 *I said unto the arrogant, Deal not arrogantly:*
And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

5 *Lift not up your horn on high;*
Speak not with a stiff neck.
6 For neither from the east, nor from the west,
Nor yet from the south, cometh lifting up.
7 But God is the judge:
He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.
8 *For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine foameth;*
It is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same:
Surely the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.
9 But I will declare for ever,
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 *All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;*
But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

EIGHTEENTH SELECTION.

God sees the Doings of Evil Men.

Ps. 94 O Lord, thou God to whom vengeance belongeth,
Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shine forth.
2 *Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth:*
Render to the proud their desert.
3 Lord, how long shall the wicked,
How long shall the wicked triumph?
4 *They prate, they speak arrogantly:*
All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.
5 They break in pieces thy people, O Lord,
And afflict thine heritage.
6 *They slay the widow and the stranger,*
And murder the fatherless.
7 And they say, The Lord shall not see,
Neither shall the God of Jacob consider.
8 *Consider, ye brutish among the people:*
And ye fools, when will ye be wise?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear?
He that formed the eye, shall he not see?
10 He that chastiseth the nations, shall not he correct,
Even he that teacheth men knowledge?

11 *The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man,*
That they are vanity.
12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord,
And teachest out of thy law;
13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity,
Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
14 *For the Lord will not cast off his people,*
Neither will he forsake his inheritance.
15 *For judgment shall return unto righteousness:*
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
17 *Unless the Lord had been my help,*
My soul had soon dwelt in silence.
18 *When I said, My foot slippeth;*
Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me
Thy comforts delight my soul.
20 *Shall the throne of wickedness have fellowship with thee,*
Which frameth mischief by statute?
21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous,
And condemn the innocent blood.
22 *But the Lord hath been my high tower;*
And my God the rock of my refuge.
23 And he hath brought upon them their own iniquity,
And shall cut them off in their own evil;
The Lord our God shall cut them off.

NINETEENTH SELECTION.

It is Good to worship the Most High.

Ps. 92 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:
2 *To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,*
And thy faithfulness every night,

3 *With an instrument of ten strings, and with the psaltery;*
With a solemn sound upon the harp.
4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work:
I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
5 *How great are thy works, O Lord!*
Thy thoughts are very deep.
6 A brutish man knoweth not;
Neither doth a fool understand this:
7 *When the wicked spring as the grass,*
And when all the workers of iniquity do flourish;
It is that they shall be destroyed for ever:
8 *But thou, O Lord, art on high for evermore.*
9 For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord,
For, lo, thine enemies shall perish;
All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
10 *But my horn hast thou exalted like the horn of the wild-ox:*
I am anointed with fresh oil.
11 Mine eye also hath seen my desire on mine enemies,
Mine ears have heard my desire of the evil-doers that rise up against me.
12 *The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:*
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
13 They that are planted in the house of the Lord
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14 *They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;*
They shall be full of sap and green:
15 *To show that the Lord is upright;*
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Ps. 93 The Lord reigneth; he is apparelled with majesty;
The Lord is apparelled, he hath girded himself with strength:
The world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.
2 *Thy throne is established of old:*
Thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their waves.
4 *Above the voices of many waters,*
The mighty breakers of the sea,
The Lord on high is mighty.
5 Thy testimonies are very sure:
Holiness becometh thine house,
O Lord, for evermore.

TWENTIETH SELECTION.

The Acceptable Sacrifice.

Ps. 50 God, even God, the Lord, hath spoken,
And called the earth from the rising of the sun
unto the going down thereof.
2 *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,*
God hath shined forth.
3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence:
A fire shall devour before him,
And it shall be very tempestuous round about him.
4 *He shall call to the heavens above,*
And to the earth, that he may judge his people:
5 *Gather my saints together unto me;*
Those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.
6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness;
For God is judge himself.
7 *Hear, O my people, and I will speak;*
O Israel, and I will testify unto thee:
I am God, even thy God.
8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices;
And thy burnt offerings are continually before me.
9 *I will take no bullock out of thy house,*
Nor he-goats out of thy folds.
10 *For every beast of the forest is mine,*
And the cattle upon a thousand hills.
11 I know all the fowls of the mountains:
And the wild beasts of the field are mine.
12 *If I were hungry, I would not tell thee:*
For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats?
14 *Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving;*
And pay thy vows unto the Most High:
15 *And call upon me in the day of trouble;*
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith,
What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,
And that thou hast taken my covenant in thy mouth?
17 *Seeing thou hatest instruction,*
And castest my words behind thee.
18 When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst with him,
And hast been partaker with adulterers.
19 *Thou givest thy mouth to evil,*
And thy tongue frameth deceit.
20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother;
Thou slanderest thine own mother's son.
21 *These things hast thou done, and I kept silence;*
Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself:
But I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God,
Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver:
23 *Whoso offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth me;*
And to him that ordereth his conversation aright
Will I show the salvation of God.

TWENTY-FIRST SELECTION.

Ruling in Righteousness.

Ps. 101 I will sing of mercy and judgment:
Unto thee, O Lord, will I sing praises.
2 *I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way:*
Oh when wilt thou come unto me?

I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
3 I will set no base thing before mine eyes:
I hate the work of them that turn aside;
It shall not cleave unto me.
4 A froward heart shall depart from me:
I will know no evil thing.
5 *Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I destroy:*
Him that hath an high look and a proud heart will I not suffer.
6 *Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me:*
He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall minister unto me.
7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house:
He that speaketh falsehood shall not be established before mine eyes.
8 *Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked of the land;*
To cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of the Lord.

Ps. 97 The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad.
2 *Clouds and darkness are round about him:*
Righteousness and judgment are the foundation of his throne.
3 A fire goeth before him,
And burneth up his adversaries round about.
4 *His lightnings lightened the world:*
The earth saw, and trembled.
5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord,
At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 *The heavens declare his righteousness,*
And all the peoples have seen his glory.
7 Ashamed be all they that serve graven images,
That boast themselves of idols:
Worship him, all ye gods.

8 *Zion heard and was glad,*
And the daughters of Judah rejoiced;
Because of thy judgments, O Lord.
9 For thou, Lord, art most high above all the earth:
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
10 *O ye that love the Lord, hate evil:*
He preserveth the souls of his saints;
He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.
12 *Be glad in the Lord, ye righteous;*
And give thanks to his holy name.

TWENTY-SECOND SELECTION.

Purity by keeping God's Word.

Ps. 119 Blessed are they that are perfect in the way,
Who walk in the law of the Lord.
2 *Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,*
That seek him with the whole heart.
3 Yea, they do no unrighteousness;
They walk in his ways.
4 *Thou hast commanded us thy precepts,*
That we should observe them diligently.
5 Oh that my ways were established
To observe thy statutes!
6 *Then shall I not be ashamed,*
When I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7 I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart,
When I learn thy righteous judgments.
8 *I will observe thy statutes:*
O forsake me not utterly.

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed thereto according to thy word.
10 *With my whole heart have I sought thee:*
O let me not wander from thy commandments.
11 Thy word have I laid up in mine heart,
That I might not sin against thee.

12 *Blessed art thou, O Lord:*
Teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I declared
All the judgments of thy mouth.
14 *I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,*
As much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate in thy precepts,
And have respect unto thy ways.
16 *I will delight myself in thy statutes:*
I will not forget thy word.

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live;
So will I observe thy word.
18 *Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold*
Wondrous things out of thy law.
19 I am a sojourner in the earth:
Hide not thy commandments from me.
20 *My soul breaketh for the longing*
That it hath unto thy judgments at all times.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed,
Which do wander from thy commandments.
22 *Take away from me reproach and contempt;*
For I have kept thy testimonies.
23 Princes also sat and talked against me:
But thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.
24 *Thy testimonies also are my delight*
And my counsellors.

TWENTY-THIRD SELECTION.

Longing to keep and proclaim the Law.

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust:
Quicken thou me according to thy word.
26 *I declared my ways, and thou answeredst me:*
Teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:
So shall I meditate of thy wondrous works.
28 *My soul melteth for heaviness:*
Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
29 Remove from me the way of falsehood:
And grant me thy law graciously.

30 *I have chosen the way of faithfulness:*
Thy judgments have I set before me.
31 I cleave unto thy testimonies:
O Lord, put me not to shame.
32 *I will run the way of thy commandments,*
When thou shalt enlarge my heart.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.
34 *Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;*
Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
For therein do I delight.
36 *Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,*
And not to covetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity,
And quicken me in thy ways.
38 *Confirm thy word unto thy servant,*
Which belongeth unto the fear of thee.
39 Turn away my reproach whereof I am afraid;
For thy judgments are good.
40 *Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:*
Quicken me in thy righteousness.

41 Let thy mercies also come unto me, O Lord,
Even thy salvation, according to thy word.
42 *So shall I have an answer for him that reproacheth me;*
For I trust in thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth;
For I have hoped in thy judgments.
44 *So shall I observe thy law continually*
For ever and ever.
45 And I will walk at liberty;
For I have sought thy precepts.
46 *I will also speak of thy testimonies before kings,*
And will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
Which I have loved.

48 *I will lift up my hands also unto thy commandments,*
which I have loved;
And I will meditate in thy statutes.

TWENTY-FOURTH SELECTION.

Comfort in the Law of God.

49 Remember the word unto thy servant,
Because thou hast made me to hope.
50 *This is my comfort in my affliction:*
For thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision:
Yet have I not swerved from thy law.
52 *I have remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord,*
And have comforted myself.
53 Hot indignation hath taken hold upon me,
Because of the wicked that forsake thy law.
54 *Thy statutes have been my songs*
In the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night,
And have observed thy law.
56 *This I have had,*
Because I kept thy precepts.

57 The Lord is my portion:
I have said that I would observe thy words.
58 *I intreated thy favor with my whole heart:*
Be merciful unto me according to thy word.
59 I thought on my ways,
And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 *I made haste, and delayed not,*
To observe thy commandments.
61 The cords of the wicked have wrapped me round;
But I have not forgotten thy law.
62 *At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee*
Because of thy righteous judgments.
63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee,
And of them that observe thy precepts.
64 *The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy:*
Teach me thy statutes.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant,
O Lord, according unto thy word.
66 *Teach me good judgment and knowledge;*
For I have believed in thy commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray;
But now I observe thy word.
68 *Thou art good, and doest good;*
Teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me:
With my whole heart will I keep thy precepts.
70 *Their heart is as fat as grease;*
But I delight in thy law.
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted;
That I might learn thy statutes.
72 *The law of thy mouth is better unto me*
Than thousands of gold and silver.

TWENTY-FIFTH SELECTION.

Trust in God's Word.

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:
Give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
74 *They that fear thee shall see me and be glad;*
Because I have hoped in thy word.
75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are righteous,
And that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.
76 *Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my comfort,*
According to thy word unto thy servant.
77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live:
For thy law is my delight.
78 *Let the proud be ashamed; for they have overthrown me wrongfully:*
But I will meditate in thy precepts.
79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me,
And they shall know thy testimonies.
80 *Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes;*
That I be not ashamed.

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation:
But I hope in thy word.
82 *Mine eyes fail for thy word,*
While I say, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke;
Yet do I not forget thy statutes.
84 *How many are the days of thy servant?*
When wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me,
Who are not after thy law.
86 *All thy commandments are faithful:*
They persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.
87 They had almost consumed me upon earth;
But I forsook not thy precepts.
88 *Quicken me after thy lovingkindness;*
So shall I observe the testimony of thy mouth.

89 For ever, O Lord,
Thy word is settled in heaven.
90 *Thy faithfulness is unto all generations:*
Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
91 They abide this day according to thine ordinances;
For all things are thy servants.
92 *Unless thy law had been my delight,*
I should then have perished in mine affliction.
93 I will never forget thy precepts;
For with them thou hast quickened me.
94 *I am thine, save me;*
For I have sought thy precepts.
95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me;
But I will consider thy testimonies.
96 *I have seen an end of all perfection;*
But thy commandment is exceeding broad.

TWENTY-SIXTH SELECTION.

Wisdom and Safety by God's Word.

97 Oh how love I thy law!
It is my meditation all the day.

98 *Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies;*
For they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers;
For thy testimonies are my meditation.
100 *I understand more than the aged,*
Because I have kept thy precepts.
101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
That I might observe thy word.
102 *I have not turned aside from thy judgments;*
For thou hast taught me.
103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste!
Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
104 *Through thy precepts I get understanding:*
Therefore I hate every false way.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And light unto my path.
106 *I have sworn, and have confirmed it,*
That I will observe thy righteous judgments.
107 I am afflicted very much:
Quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.
108 *Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord,*
And teach me thy judgments.
109 My soul is continually in my hand;
Yet do I not forget thy law.
110 *The wicked have laid a snare for me;*
Yet went I not astray from thy precepts.
111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever;
For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
112 *I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes,*
For ever, even unto the end.

113 I hate them that are of a double mind;
But thy law do I love.
114 *Thou art my hiding place and my shield:*
I hope in thy word.
115 Depart from me, ye evil-doers;
That I may keep the commandments of my God.

116 *Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live;*
And let me not be ashamed of my hope.
117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe,
And shall have respect unto thy statutes continually.
118 *Thou hast set at nought all them that err from thy statutes;*
For their deceit is falsehood.
119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross:
Therefore I love thy testimonies.
120 *My flesh trembleth for fear of thee:*
And I am afraid of thy judgments.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SELECTION.

Mourning that Men break God's Law.

121 I have done judgment and justice:
Leave me not to mine oppressors.
122 *Be surety for thy servant for good:*
Let not the proud oppress me.
123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation,
And for thy righteous word.
124 *Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy,*
And teach me thy statutes.
125 I am thy servant, give me understanding;
That I may know thy testimonies.
126 *It is time for the Lord to work;*
For they have made void thy law.
127 Therefore I love thy commandments
Above gold, yea, above fine gold.
128 *Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right;*
And I hate every false way.

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful:
Therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 *The opening of thy words giveth light;*
It giveth understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened wide my mouth, and panted;
For I longed for thy commandments.
132 *Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me,*
As thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.
133 Order my footsteps in thy word;
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
134 *Redeem me from the oppression of man:*
So will I observe thy precepts.
135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant;
And teach me thy statutes.
136 *Mine eyes run down with rivers of water,*
Because they observe not thy law.

137 Righteous art thou, O Lord,
And upright are thy judgments.
138 *Thou hast commanded thy testimonies in righteousness*
And very faithfulness.
139 My zeal hath consumed me,
Because mine adversaries have forgotten thy words.
140 *Thy word is very pure;*
Therefore thy servant loveth it.
141 I am small and despised:
Yet do not I forget thy precepts.
142 *Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,*
And thy law is truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me:
Yet thy commandments are my delight.
144 *Thy testimonies are righteous for ever:*
Give me understanding, and I shall live.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SELECTION.

Delight in God's Word amid Persecutions.

145 I have called with my whole heart; answer me, O Lord:
I will keep thy statutes.
146 *I have called unto thee; save me,*
And I shall observe thy testimonies.

147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried:
I hoped in thy words.
148 *Mine eyes prevented the night watches,*
That I might meditate in thy word.
149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness:
Quicken me, O Lord, according to thy judgments.
150 *They draw nigh that follow after wickedness;*
They are far from thy law.
151 Thou art nigh, O Lord;
And all thy commandments are truth.
152 *Of old have I known from thy testimonies,*
That thou hast founded them for ever.

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me;
For I do not forget thy law.
154 *Plead thou my cause, and redeem me:*
Quicken me according to thy word.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked;
For they seek not thy statutes.
156 *Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord:*
Quicken me according to thy judgments.
157 Many are my persecutors and mine adversaries;
Yet have I not swerved from thy testimonies.
158 *I beheld the treacherous dealers, and was grieved;*
Because they observe not thy word.
159 Consider how I love thy precepts:
Quicken me, O Lord, according to thy lovingkindness.
160 *The sum of thy word is truth;*
And every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause;
But my heart standeth in awe of thy words.
162 *I rejoice at thy word,*
As one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor falsehood;
But thy law do I love.

164 *Seven times a day do I praise thee,*
Because of thy righteous judgments.
165 Great peace have they which love thy law;
And they have none occasion of stumbling.
166 *I have hoped for thy salvation, O Lord,*
And have done thy commandments.
167 My soul hath observed thy testimonies;
And I love them exceedingly.
168 *I have observed thy precepts and thy testimonies;*
For all my ways are before thee.

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord:
Give me understanding according to thy word.
170 *Let my supplication come before thee:*
Deliver me according to thy word.
171 Let my lips utter praise;
For thou teachest me thy statutes.
172 *Let my tongue sing of thy word;*
For all thy commandments are righteousness.
173 Let thine hand be ready to help me;
For I have chosen thy precepts.
174 *I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord;*
And thy law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee;
And let thy judgments help me.
176 *I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant;*
For I do not forget thy commandments.

TWENTY-NINTH SELECTION.

Warning against Enticements of Sinners.

Pr. 1 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge:
But the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.
8 *My son, hear the instruction of thy father,*
And forsake not the law of thy mother:
9 *For they shall be a chaplet of grace unto thy head,*
And chains about thy neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice thee,
Consent thou not.

11 *If they say, Come with us,*
Let us lay wait for blood,
Let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause;
12 Let us swallow them up alive as Sheol,
And whole, as those that go down into the pit;
13 *We shall find all precious substance,*
We shall fill our houses with spoil;
14 *Thou shalt cast thy lot among us;*
We will all have one purse:
15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them;
Refrain thy foot from their path:
16 For their feet run to evil,
And they make haste to shed blood.
17 *For in vain is the net spread,*
In the eyes of any bird:
18 *And these lay wait for their own blood,*
They lurk privily for their own lives.
19 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain;
It taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

20 *Wisdom crieth aloud in the street;*
She uttereth her voice in the broad places;
21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse;
At the entering in of the gates,
In the city, she uttereth her words:
22 *How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity?*
And scorners delight them in scorning,
And fools hate knowledge?
23 Turn you at my reproof:
Behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you,
I will make known my words unto you.
24 *Because I have called, and ye refused;*
I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;
25 *But ye have set at nought all my counsel,*
And would none of my reproof:
26 I also will laugh in the day of your calamity;
I will mock when your fear cometh;
27 *When your fear cometh as a storm,*
And your calamity cometh on as a whirlwind;
When distress and anguish come upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer;
They shall seek me diligently, but they shall not find me:
29 *For that they hated knowledge,*
And did not choose the fear of the Lord:
30 They would none of my counsel;
They despised all my reproof:
31 *Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way,*
And be filled with their own devices.
32 For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them,
And the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.
33 *But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell securely,*
And shall be quiet without fear of evil.

THIRTIETH SELECTION.

Wisdom given to those who seek.

Pr. 2 My son, if thou wilt receive my words,
And lay up my commandments with thee;
2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom,
And apply thine heart to understanding;
3 *Yea, if thou cry after discernment,*
And lift up thy voice for understanding;
4 If thou seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hid treasures;
5 *Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord,*
And find the knowledge of God.
6 For the Lord giveth wisdom;
Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding:
7 *He layeth up sound wisdom for the upright,*
He is a shield to them that walk in integrity;
8 *That he may guard the paths of judgment,*
And preserve the way of his saints.
9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness and judgment,
And equity, yea, every good path.
10 *For wisdom shall enter into thine heart,*
And knowledge shall be pleasant unto thy soul;

11 Discretion shall watch over thee,
Understanding shall keep thee:
12 *To deliver thee from the way of evil,*
From the men that speak froward things;
13 Who forsake the paths of uprightness,
To walk in the ways of darkness;
14 *Who rejoice to do evil,*
And delight in the frowardness of evil;
15 Who are crooked in their ways,
And perverse in their paths:
16 *To deliver thee from the strange woman,*
Even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;
17 Which forsaketh the friend of her youth,
And forgetteth the covenant of her God:
18 *For her house inclineth unto death,*
And her paths unto the dead:
19 None that go unto her return again,
Neither do they attain unto the paths of life:
20 *That thou mayest walk in the way of good men,*
And keep the paths of the righteous.
21 For the upright shall dwell in the land,
And the perfect shall remain in it.
22 *But the wicked shall be cut off from the land,*
And they that deal treacherously shall be rooted out of it.

Pr. 5 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord,
And he maketh level all his paths.
22 *His own iniquities shall take the wicked,*
And he shall be holden with the cords of his sin.
23 He shall die for lack of instruction;
And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Pr. 9 *Wisdom hath builded her house,*
She hath hewn out her seven pillars:
2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine;
She hath also furnished her table.

3 *She hath sent forth her maidens, she crieth*
Upon the highest places of the city,
4 *Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither:*
As for him that is void of understanding, she saith to him,
5 Come, eat ye of my bread,
And drink of the wine which I have mingled.
6 *Leave off, ye simple ones, and live;*
And walk in the way of understanding.

THIRTY-FIRST SELECTION.

Various Directions of Wisdom.

Pr. 3 My son, forget not my law;
But let thine heart keep my commandments:
2 For length of days, and years of life,
And peace, shall they add to thee.
3 *Let not mercy and truth forsake thee:*
Bind them about thy neck;
Write them upon the table of thine heart:
4 So shalt thou find favor and good understanding
In the sight of God and man.
5 *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart,*
And lean not upon thine own understanding:
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he shall direct thy paths.
7 *Be not wise in thine own eyes;*
Fear the Lord, and depart from evil:
8 It shall be health to thy navel,
And marrow to thy bones.
9 *Honor the Lord with thy substance,*
And with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,
And thy fats shall overflow with new wine.

11 *My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord;*
Neither be weary of his reproof:
12 For whom the Lord loveth he reproveth;
Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
13 *Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,*
And the man that getteth understanding.

14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver,
And the gain thereof than fine gold.
15 *She is more precious than rubies:*
And none of the things thou canst desire are to be compared unto her.
16 Length of days is in her right hand;
In her left hand are riches and honor.
17 *Her ways are ways of pleasantness,*
And all her paths are peace.
18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her:
And happy is every one that retaineth her.
19 *The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;*
By understanding he established the heavens.
20 By his knowledge the depths were broken up,
And the skies drop down the dew.

21 *My son, let not them depart from thine eyes;*
Keep sound wisdom and discretion;
22 *So shall they be life unto thy soul,*
And grace to thy neck.
23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way securely,
And thy foot shall not stumble.
24 *When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid:*
Yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.
25 Be not afraid of sudden fear,
Neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh:
26 *For the Lord shall be thy confidence,*
And shall keep thy foot from being taken.
27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of thine hand to do it.
28 *Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again,*
And to-morrow I will give;
When thou hast it by thee.
29 Devise not evil against thy neighbor,
Seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
30 *Strive not with a man without cause,*
If he have done thee no harm.

31 *Envy thou not the man of violence,*
And choose none of his ways.
32 For the perverse is an abomination to the Lord:
But his secret is with the upright.
33 *The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked;*
But he blesseth the habitation of the righteous.
34 Surely he scorneth the scorners,
But he giveth grace unto the lowly.
35 *The wise shall inherit glory;*
But shame shall be the promotion of fools.

THIRTY-SECOND SELECTION.

Wisdom the Principal Thing.

Pr. 4 Hear, my sons, the instruction of a father,
And attend to know understanding:
2 For I give you good doctrine;
Forsake ye not my law.
3 *For I was a son unto my father,*
Tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.
4 And he taught me, and said unto me,
Let thine heart retain my words;
Keep my commandments, and live:
5 *Get wisdom, get understanding;*
Forget it not, neither decline from the words of my mouth:
6 *Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee;*
Love her, and she shall keep thee.
7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom:
Yea, with all thou hast gotten get understanding.
8 *Exalt her, and she shall promote thee:*
She shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her.
9 She shall give to thine head a chaplet of grace:
A crown of beauty shall she deliver to thee.

10 *Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings;*
And the years of thy life shall be many.
11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom;
I have led thee in paths of uprightness.

12 *When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened;*
And if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go:
Keep her; for she is thy life.
14 *Enter not into the path of the wicked,*
And walk not in the way of evil men.
15 Avoid it, pass not by it;
Turn from it, and pass on.
16 *For they sleep not, except they have done mischief;*
And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.
17 For they eat the bread of wickedness,
And drink the wine of violence.
18 *But the path of the righteous is as the shining light,*
That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
19 The way of the wicked is as darkness:
They know not at what they stumble.

20 *My son, attend to my words;*
Incline thine ear unto my sayings.
21 Let them not depart from thine eyes;
Keep them in the midst of thine heart.
22 *For they are life unto those that find them,*
And health to all their flesh.
23 Keep thy heart with all diligence;
For out of it are the issues of life.
24 *Put away from thee a froward mouth,*
And perverse lips put far from thee.
25 Let thine eyes look right on,
And let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
26 Make level the path of thy feet,
And let all thy ways be established.
27 *Turn not to the right hand nor to the left:*
Remove thy foot from evil.

THIRTY-THIRD SELECTION.

The Call of Wisdom.

Pr. 8 Doth not wisdom cry,
And understanding put forth her voice?

2 *In the top of high places by the way,*
Where the paths meet, she standeth;
3 *Beside the gates, at the entry of the city,*
At the coming in at the doors, she crieth aloud:
4 Unto you, O men, I call;
And my voice is to the sons of men.
5 *O ye simple, understand subtilty;*
And, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things;
And the opening of my lips shall be right things.
7 *For my mouth shall utter truth;*
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness;
There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
9 *They are all plain to him that understandeth,*
And right to them that find knowledge.
10 Receive my instruction, and not silver;
And knowledge rather than choice gold.
11 *For wisdom is better than rubies;*
And all the things that may be desired are not to be compared unto her.
12 I wisdom have made subtilty my dwelling,
And find out knowledge and discretion.
13 *The fear of the Lord is to hate evil:*
Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way,
And the froward mouth, do I hate.
14 Counsel is mine, and sound knowledge:
I am understanding; I have might.
15 By me kings reign,
And princes decree justice.
16 *By me princes rule,*
And nobles, even all the judges of the earth.
17 I love them that love me;
And those that seek me diligently shall find me.
18 *Riches and honor are with me;*
Yea, durable riches and righteousness.
19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold;
And my revenue than choice silver.
20 *I walk in the way of righteousness,*
In the midst of the paths of judgment:

21 *That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance,*
And that I may fill their treasuries.
22 The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way,
Before his works of old.
23 *I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning,*
Or ever the earth was.
24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth;
When there were no fountains abounding with water.
25 *Before the mountains were settled,*
Before the hills was I brought forth:
26 *While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields,*
Nor the beginning of the dust of the world.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there:
When he set a circle upon the face of the deep:
28 *When he made firm the skies above:*
When the fountains of the deep became strong:
29 When he gave to the sea its bound,
That the waters should not transgress his commandment:
When he marked out the foundations of the earth:
30 *Then I was by him, as a master workman:*
And I was daily his delight,
Rejoicing always before him;
31 Rejoicing in his habitable earth;
And my delight was with the sons of men.
32 *Now therefore, my sons, hearken unto me:*
For blessed are they that keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction, and be wise,
And refuse it not.
34 *Blessed is the man that heareth me,*
Watching daily at my gates,
Waiting at the posts of my doors.
35 For whoso findeth me findeth life,
And shall obtain favor of the Lord.
36 *But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul:*
All they that hate me love death.

THIRTY-FOURTH SELECTION.

Warning against Wine and Strong Drink.

Pr. 20 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler;
And whosoever erreth thereby is not wise.

Pr. 23 *Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions?*
Who hath complaining? who hath wounds without cause?
Who hath redness of eyes?
30 *They that tarry long at the wine;*
They that go to seek out mixed wine.
31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red,
When it giveth its color in the cup,
When it goeth down smoothly:
32 *At the last it biteth like a serpent,*
And stingeth like an adder.
33 Thine eyes shall behold strange things,
And thine heart shall utter froward things.
34 *Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea,*
Or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.
35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not hurt;
They have beaten me, and I felt it not:
When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

Is. 5 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that tarry late into the night, till wine inflame them!
12 *And the harp and the lute, the tabret and the pipe, and wine, are in their feasts:*
But they regard not the work of the Lord, neither have they considered the operation of his hands.
13 *Therefore my people are gone into captivity, for lack of knowledge: and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude are parched with thirst.*
14 Therefore hell hath enlarged her desire, and

opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth among them, descend into it.

15 *And the mean man is bowed down, and the great man is humbled, and the eyes of the lofty are humbled:*

16 But the Lord of hosts is exalted in judgment, and God the Holy One is sanctified in righteousness.

17 *Then shall the lambs feed as in their pasture, and the waste places of the fat ones shall wanderers eat.*

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:

19 *That say, Let him make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!*

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 *Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!*

22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

23 *Which justify the wicked for a reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!*

24 Therefore as the tongue of fire devoureth the stubble, and as the dry grass sinketh down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust:

Because they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25 Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people,

And he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them,

And the hills did tremble, and their carcases were as refuse in the midst of the streets.

For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

SUFFERINGS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND OF THE MESSIAH.

THIRTY-FIFTH SELECTION.

Cry of the Forsaken.

Ps. 22 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?
2 *O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou answerest not;*
And in the night season, and am not silent.
3 But thou art holy,
O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
4 *Our fathers trusted in thee:*
They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered:
They trusted in thee, and were not ashamed.
6 *But I am a worm, and no man;*
A reproach of men, and despised of the people.
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
8 Commit thyself unto the Lord; let him deliver him:
Let him deliver him, seeing he delighteth in him.
9 *But thou art he that took me out of the womb:*
Thou didst make me trust when I was upon my mother's breasts.
10 I was cast upon thee from the womb:
Thou art my God from my mother's belly.
11 *Be not far from me; for trouble is near;*
For there is none to help.
12 Many bulls have compassed me:
Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
13 *They gape upon me with their mouth,*
As a ravening and a roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of joint:

My heart is like wax;
It is melted in the midst of my bowels.
15 *My strength is dried up like a potsherd;*
And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws;
And thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
16 For dogs have compassed me:
The assembly of evil-doers have inclosed me;
They pierced my hands and my feet.
17 *I may tell all my bones;*
They look and stare upon me:
18 They part my garments among them,
And upon my vesture do they cast lots.
19 *But be not thou far off, O Lord:*
O thou my succor, haste thee to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword;
My darling from the power of the dog.
21 *Save me from the lion's mouth;*
Yea, from the horns of the wild-oxen thou hast answered me.

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren:
In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
23 *Ye that fear the Lord, praise him;*
All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him;
And stand in awe of him, all ye the seed of Israel.
24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
Neither hath he hid his face from him;
But when he cried unto him, he heard.
25 *Of thee cometh my praise in the great congregation:*
I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied:
They shall praise the Lord that seek after him:
Let your heart live for ever.
27 *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto the Lord:*
And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
28 For the kingdom is the Lord's:
And he is the ruler over the nations.

29 *All the fat ones of the earth shall eat and worship:*
All they that go down to the dust shall bow before him,
Even he that cannot keep his soul alive.
30 A seed shall serve him;
It shall be told of the Lord unto the next generation.
31 *They shall come and shall declare his righteousness*
Unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done it.

THIRTY-SIXTH SELECTION.

Cry of the Reviled.

Ps. 69 Save me, O God;
For the waters are come in unto my soul.
2 *I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing:*
I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.
3 I am weary with my crying; my throat is dried:
Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.
4 *They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head:*
They that would cut me off, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty:
Then I restored that which I took not away.
5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness;
And my sins are not hid from thee.
6 *Let not them that wait on thee be ashamed through me, O Lord God of hosts:*
Let not those that seek thee be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel.
7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach;
Shame hath covered my face.
8 *I am become a stranger unto my brethren,*
And an alien unto my mother's children.
9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up;
And the reproaches of them that reproach thee are fallen upon me.
10 *When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting,*
That was to my reproach.

11 When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a proverb unto them.
12 *They that sit in the gate talk of me;*
And I am the song of the drunkards.
13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time:
O God, in the multitude of thy mercy,
Answer me in the truth of thy salvation.
14 *Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink:*
Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.
15 Let not the waterflood overwhelm me,
Neither let the deep swallow me up;
And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
16 *Answer me, O Lord; for thy lovingkindness is good:*
According to the multitude of thy tender mercies turn thou unto me.
17 And hide not thy face from thy servant;
For I am in distress; answer me speedily.
18 *Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it:*
Ransom me because of mine enemies.
19 Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor:
Mine adversaries are all before thee.
20 *Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness:*
And I looked for some to take pity, but there was none;
And for comforters, but I found none.
21 They gave me also gall for my meat;
And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
29 *But I am poor and sorrowful:*
Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
30 I will praise the name of God with a song,
And will magnify him with thanksgiving.
31 *And it shall please the Lord better than an ox,*
Or a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
32 The meek have seen it, and are glad:
Ye that seek after God, let your heart live.
33 *For the Lord heareth the needy,*
And despiseth not his prisoners.

34 Let heaven and earth praise him,
The seas, and everything that moveth therein.
35 *For God will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah;*
And they shall abide there, and have it in possession.
36 *The seed also of his servants shall inherit it;*
And they that love his name shall dwell therein.

THIRTY-SEVENTH SELECTION.

Deserted when near to Death.

Ps. 88 O Lord, the God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before thee:
2 *Let my prayer enter into thy presence;*
Incline thine ear unto my cry:
3 For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life draweth nigh unto Sheol.
4 *I am counted with them that go down into the pit;*
I am as a man that hath no help:
5 Cast off among the dead,
Like the slain that lie in the grave,
Whom thou rememberest no more;
And they are cut off from thy hand.
6 *Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,*
In dark places, in the deeps.
7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves.
8 *Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me;*
Thou hast made me an abomination unto them:
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
9 Mine eye wasteth away by reason of affliction:
I have called daily upon thee, O Lord,
I have spread forth my hands unto thee.
10 *Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead?*
Shall they that are deceased arise and praise thee?
11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave?
Or thy faithfulness in Destruction?
12 *Shall thy wonders be known in the dark?*
And thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But unto thee, O Lord, have I cried,
And in the morning shall my prayer come before thee.
14 *Lord, why castest thou off my soul?*
Why hidest thou thy face from me?
15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up:
While I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.
16 *Thy fierce wrath is gone over me;*
Thy terrors have cut me off.
17 They came round about me like water all the day long;
They compassed me about together.
18 *Lover and friend hast thou put far from me,*
And mine acquaintance into darkness.

THIRTY-EIGHTH SELECTION.

Loneliness in Sorrow.

Ps. 102 Hear my prayer, O Lord,
And let my cry come unto thee.
2 *Hide not thy face from me in the day of my distress;*
Incline thine ear unto me;
In the day when I call answer me speedily.
3 For my days consume away like smoke,
And my bones are burned as a firebrand.
4 *My heart is smitten like grass, and withered;*
For I forget to eat my bread.
5 By reason of the voice of my groaning
My bones cleave to my flesh.
6 *I am like a pelican of the wilderness;*
I am become as an owl of the waste places.
7 I watch, and am become
Like a sparrow that is alone upon the house-top.
8 *Mine enemies reproach me all the day;*
They that are mad against me do curse by me.
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mingled my drink with weeping.
10 *Because of thine indignation and thy wrath:*
For thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.
11 My days are like a shadow that declineth;
And I am withered like grass.

12 *But thou, O Lord, shalt abide for ever;*
And thy memorial unto all generations.
13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion:
For it is time to have pity upon her, yea, the set time is come.
14 *For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,*
And have pity upon her dust.
15 So the nations shall fear the name of the Lord,
And all the kings of the earth thy glory:
16 *For the Lord hath built up Zion,*
He hath appeared in his glory;
17 *He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute,*
And hath not despised their prayer.
18 This shall be written for the generation to come:
And a people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.
19 *For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary;*
From heaven did the Lord behold the earth;
20 To hear the sighing of the prisoner;
To loose those that are appointed to death;
21 *That men may declare the name of the Lord in Zion,*
And his praise in Jerusalem;
22 *When the peoples are gathered together,*
And the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

23 He weakened my strength in the way;
He shortened my days.
24 *I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days:*
Thy years are throughout all generations.
25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth;
And the heavens are the work of thy hands.
26 *They shall perish, but thou shalt endure:*
Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment;
As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:
27 But thou art the same,
And thy years shall have no end.
28 *The children of thy servants shall continue,*
And their seed shall be established before thee.

THIRTY-NINTH SELECTION.

Love met by Ingratitude.

Ps. 109 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;
2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit have they opened against me:
They have spoken unto me with a lying tongue.
3 *They compassed me about also with words of hatred,*
And fought against me without a cause.
4 For my love they are my adversaries:
But I give myself unto prayer.
5 *And they have rewarded me evil for good,*
And hatred for my love.
21 But deal thou with me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake:
Because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me,
22 *For I am poor and needy,*
And my heart is wounded within me.
23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth:
I am tossed up and down as the locust.
24 *My knees are weak through fasting;*
And my flesh faileth of fatness.
25 I am become also a reproach unto them:
When they see me, they shake their head.
26 *Help me, O Lord my God;*
O save me according to thy mercy:
27 That they may know that this is thy hand;
That thou, Lord, hast done it.
28 *Let them curse, but bless thou:*
When they arise, they shall be ashamed, but thy servant shall rejoice.
29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with dishonor,
And let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a mantle.
30 *I will give great thanks unto the Lord with my mouth;*
Yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the needy,
To save him from them that judge his soul.

Ps. 13 *How long, O Lord, wilt thou forget me for ever?*
How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
Having sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
3 *Consider and answer me, O Lord my God:*
Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him;
Lest mine adversaries rejoice when I am moved.
5 *But I have trusted in thy mercy;*
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation:
6 I will sing unto the Lord,
Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

Ps. 6 *O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger,*
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am withered away:
O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.
3 *My soul also is sore vexed:*
And thou, O Lord, how long?
4 Return, O Lord, deliver my soul:
Save me for thy lovingkindness' sake.
5 *For in death there is no remembrance of thee:*
In Sheol who shall give thee thanks?
6 I am weary with my groaning;
Every night make I my bed to swim;
I water my couch with my tears.
7 *Mine eye wasteth away because of grief;*
It waxeth old because of all mine adversaries.
8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity;
For the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.
9 *The Lord hath heard my supplication;*
The Lord will receive my prayer.
10 All mine enemies shall be ashamed and sore vexed:
They shall turn back, they shall be ashamed suddenly.

FORTIETH SELECTION.

Despised and Rejected.

Is. 53 Who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 *For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground:*

He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3 *He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:*

And as one from whom men hide their face he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:*

Yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 *He was oppressed, yet he humbled himself and opened not his mouth;*

As a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before her shearers is dumb; yea, he opened not his mouth.

8 *By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who among them considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living?*

For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 *And they made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.*

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief:

When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he

shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many: and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 *Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;*

Because he poured out his soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors:

Yet he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

FORTY-FIRST SELECTION.

Zion's Desolation.

Lam. 1 How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people!

How is she become as a widow!

She that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces,

How is she become tributary!

2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks;

Among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her:

All her friends have dealt treacherously with her,

They are become her enemies.

3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude;

She dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest:

All her persecutors overtook her within the straits.

4 *The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn assembly;*

All her gates are desolate, her priests do sigh:

Her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is in bitterness.

5 Her adversaries are become the head, her enemies prosper;

For the Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions:
Her young children are gone into captivity before the adversary.
6 *And from the daughter of Zion all her majesty is departed:*
Her princes are become like harts that find no pasture,
And they are gone without strength before the pursuer.
7 Jerusalem remembereth in the days of her affliction and of her miseries
All her pleasant things that were from the days of old:
When her people fell into the hand of the adversary, and none did help her,
The adversaries saw her, they did mock at her desolations.
8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is become as an unclean thing:
All that honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness:
Yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.
11 *See, O Lord, and behold; for I am become vile.*
12 Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?
Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me,
Wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.
16 *For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water;*
Because the comforter that should refresh my soul is far from me:
My children are desolate, because the enemy hath prevailed.
17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands; there is none to comfort her;
The Lord hath commanded concerning Jacob, that they that are round about him should be his adversaries:
Jerusalem is among them as an unclean thing.

18 The Lord is righteous; for I have rebelled against
his commandment:
Hear, I pray you, all ye peoples, and behold my
sorrow:
My virgins and my young men are gone into cap-
tivity.
19 *I called for my lovers, but they deceived me:*
My priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the
city,
While they sought them meat to refresh their souls.
20 Behold, O Lord; for I am in distress; my bowels
are troubled;
Mine heart is turned within me; for I have griev-
ously rebelled:
Abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as
death.
21 *They have heard that I sigh; there is none to com-*
fort me;
All mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are
glad that thou hast done it.

FORTY-SECOND SELECTION.

God doth not afflict willingly.

Lam. 3 I am the man that hath seen affliction by the
rod of his wrath.
2 *He hath led me and caused me to walk in darkness*
and not in light.
3 Surely against me he turneth his hand again and
again all the day.

4 *My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath*
broken my bones.
5 He hath builded against me, and compassed me
with gall and travail.
6 *He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as those*
that have been long dead.

7 He hath fenced me about, that I cannot go forth;
he hath made my chain heavy.

8 *Yea, when I cry and call for help, he shutteth out my prayer.*
9 He hath fenced up my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked.

10 *He is unto me as a bear lying in wait, as a lion in secret places.*
11 He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces; he hath made me desolate.
12 *He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.*

13 He hath caused the shafts of his quiver to enter into my reins.
14 *I am become a derision to all my people; and their song all the day.*
15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath sated me with wormwood.

16 *He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes.*
17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace; I forgat prosperity.
18 *And I said, My strength is perished, and mine expectation from the Lord.*

19 Remember mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.
20 *My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is bowed down within me.*
21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

22 *It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.*
23 They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.
24 *The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.*

25 The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

26 *It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.*
27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

28 *Let him sit alone and keep silence, because he hath laid it upon him.*
29 Let him put his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.
30 *Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth him; let him be filled full with reproach.*

31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever.
32 *For though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.*
33 For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

34 *To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth,*
35 *To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,*
36 *To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not.*

39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?

40 *Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.*
41 *Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.*

PENITENTIAL.

FORTY-THIRD SELECTION.

On Account of Bloodguiltiness.

Ps. 51 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness:
According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
2 *Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,*
And cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my transgressions:
And my sin is ever before me.
4 *Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,*
And done that which is evil in thy sight:
That thou mayest be justified when thou speakest,
And be clear when thou judgest.
5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;
And in sin did my mother conceive me.
6 *Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:*
And in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 *Make me to hear joy and gladness;*
That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
9 Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.
10 *Create in me a clean heart, O God;*
And renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy holy spirit from me.
12 *Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation:*
And uphold me with a free spirit.
13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto thee.
14 *Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation;*
And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips;
And my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
16 *For thou delightest not in sacrifice; else would I give it:*
Thou hast no pleasure in burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 *Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion:*
Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
19 Then shalt thou delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering:
Then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

FORTY-FOURTH SELECTION.

Relief by Confession.

Ps. 38 O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath:
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
2 *For thine arrows stick fast in me,*
And thy hand presseth me sore.
3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine indignation;
Neither is there any health in my bones because of my sin.
4 *For mine iniquities are gone over mine head:*
As an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds stink and are corrupt,
Because of my foolishness.
6 I am pained and bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.
7 *For my loins are filled with burning;*
And there is no soundness in my flesh.
8 *I am faint and sore bruised:*
I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
9 Lord, all my desire is before thee;
And my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 *My heart throbbeth, my strength faileth me:*
As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.
11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague;
And my kinsmen stand afar off.
12 *They also that seek after my life lay snares for me;*
And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things,
And imagine deceits all the day long.
13 But I, as a deaf man, hear not;
And I am as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.
14 *Yea, I am as a man that heareth not,*
And in whose mouth are no reproofs.
15 For in thee, O Lord, do I hope:
Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God.
16 *For I said, Lest they rejoice over me:*
When my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.
17 For I am ready to halt,
And my sorrow is continually before me.
18 *For I will declare mine iniquity;*
I will be sorry for my sin.
19 But mine enemies are lively, and are strong:
And they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.
20 *They also that render evil for good*
Are adversaries unto me, because I follow the thing that is good.
21 Forsake me not, O Lord:
O my God, be not far from me.
22 *Make haste to help me,*
O Lord my salvation.

Ps. 32 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
2 *Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity,*
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old
Through my roaring all the day long.
4 *For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me:*

My moisture was changed as with the drought of summer.
5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid:
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord;
And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
6 *For this let every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found:*
Surely when the great waters overflow they shall not reach unto him.
7 Thou art my hiding place; thou wilt preserve me from trouble;
Thou wilt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
8 *I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:*
I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee.
9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding:
Whose trappings must be bit and bridle to hold them in,
Else they will not come near unto thee.
10 *Many sorrows shall be to the wicked:*
But he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.
11 *Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous:*
And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

FORTY-FIFTH SELECTION.

The Penitent seeks Instruction.

Ps. 25 Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, in thee have I trusted,
Let me not be ashamed;
Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
3 *Yea, none that wait on thee shall be ashamed:*
They shall be ashamed that deal treacherously without cause.
4 Shew me thy ways, O Lord;
Teach me thy paths.

5 *Guide me in thy truth, and teach me;*
For thou art the God of my salvation;
On thee do I wait all the day.
6 Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses:
For they have been ever of old.
7 *Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:*
According to thy lovingkindness remember thou me,
For thy goodness' sake, O Lord.
8 Good and upright is the Lord:
Therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.
9 *The meek will he guide in judgment:*
And the meek will he teach his way.
10 All the paths of the Lord are lovingkindness and truth
Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
11 *For thy name's sake, O Lord,*
Pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.
12 What man is he that feareth the Lord?
Him shall he instruct in the way that he shall choose.
13 *His soul shall dwell at ease;*
And his seed shall inherit the land.
14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him;
And he will shew them his covenant.
15 *Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord;*
For he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me;
For I am desolate and afflicted.
17 *The troubles of my heart are enlarged:*
O bring thou me out of my distresses.
18 Consider mine affliction and my travail;
And forgive all my sins.
19 *Consider mine enemies, for they are many;*
And they hate me with cruel hatred.
20 O keep my soul, and deliver me:
Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in thee.
21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
For I wait on thee.

22 *Redeem Israel, O God,*
Out of all his troubles.

Ps. 130 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.
2 Lord, hear my voice:
Let thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.
3 If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?
4 *But there is forgiveness with thee,*
That thou mayest be feared.
5 I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.
6 *My soul looketh for the Lord,*
More than watchmen look for the morning;
Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.
7 O Israel, hope in the Lord;
For with the Lord there is mercy,
And with him is plenteous redemption.
8 *And he shall redeem Israel*
From all his iniquities.

FORTY-SIXTH SELECTION.

Divine Forgiveness celebrated.

Ps. 103 Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2 *Bless the Lord, O my soul,*
And forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
4 *Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;*
Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies:
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.
6 *The Lord executeth righteous acts,*
And judgments for all that are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways unto Moses,
His doings unto the children of Israel.

8 *The Lord is full of compassion and gracious,*
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
9 He will not always chide;
Neither will he keep his anger for ever.
10 *He hath not dealt with us after our sins,*
Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
11 For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
12 *As far as the east is from the west,*
So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
13 Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear him.
14 *For he knoweth our frame;*
He remembereth that we are dust.
15 As for man, his days are as grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
16 *For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;*
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,
And his righteousness unto children's children;
18 To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his precepts to do them.
19 *The Lord hath established his throne in the heavens;*
And his kingdom ruleth over all.
20 Bless the Lord, ye angels of his:
Ye mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,
Hearkening unto the voice of his word.
21 *Bless the Lord, all ye his hosts;*
Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
22 Bless the Lord, all ye his works,
In all places of his dominion:
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

PRAYERS FOR DELIVERANCE.

FORTY-SEVENTH SELECTION.

Appeal of the Innocent.

Ps. 7 O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust:
Save me from all them that pursue me, and deliver me:
2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion,
Rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
3 *O Lord my God, if I have done this;*
If there be iniquity in my hands;
4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me;
(Yea, I have delivered him that without cause was mine adversary:)
5 *Let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it;*
Yea, let him tread my life down to the earth,
And lay my glory in the dust.
6 Arise, O Lord, in thine anger,
Lift up thyself against the rage of mine adversaries:
And awake for me; thou hast commanded judgment.
7 *And let the congregation of the peoples compass thee about:*
And over them return thou on high.
8 The Lord ministereth judgment to the peoples:
Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and to mine integrity that is in me.
9 *Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish thou the righteous:*
For the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.
10 My shield is with God,
Which saveth the upright in heart.
11 *God is a righteous judge,*
Yea, a God that hath indignation every day.
12 If a man turn not, he will whet his sword;
He hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 *He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death;*
He maketh his arrows fiery shafts.
14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity;
Yea, he hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
15 *He hath made a pit, and digged it,*
And is fallen into the ditch which he made.
16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,
And his violence shall come down upon his own pate.
17 *I will give thanks unto the Lord according to his righteousness:*
And will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

Ps. 144 Blessed be the Lord my rock,
Which teacheth my hands to war,
And my fingers to fight:
2 *My lovingkindness, and my fortress,*
My high tower, and my deliverer;
My shield, and he in whom I trust;
Who subdueth my people under me.
3 Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him?
Or the son of man, that thou makest account of him?
4 *Man is like to vanity:*
His days are as a shadow that passeth away.
5 Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down:
Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
6 *Cast forth lightning, and scatter them;*
Send out thine arrows, and discomfit them.
7 Stretch forth thine hand from above;
Rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters,
Out of the hand of strangers;
8 *Whose mouth speaketh vanity,*
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God:
Upon a psaltery of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

10 *It is he that giveth salvation unto kings:*
Who rescueth David his servant from the hurtful sword.
11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of strangers,
Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
12 *When our sons shall be as plants grown up in their youth:*
And our daughters as corner stones hewn after the fashion of a palace;
13 When our garners are full, affording all manner of store;
And our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields;
14 *When our oxen are well laden;*
When there is no breaking in, and no going forth,
And no outcry in our streets;
15 Happy is the people, that is in such a case:
Yea, happy is the people, whose God is the Lord.

FORTY-EIGHTH SELECTION.

Prayer of the Obedient.

Ps. 40 I waited patiently for the Lord;
And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
2 *He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay;*
And he set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:
Many shall see it, and fear,
And shall trust in the Lord.
4 *Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust,*
And respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
5 Many, O Lord my God, are the wonderful works which thou hast done,
And thy thoughts which are to us-ward:

They cannot be set in order unto thee;
If I would declare and speak of them,
They are more than can be numbered.
6 Sacrifice and offering thou hast no delight in;
Mine ears hast thou opened:
Burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
7 *Then said I, Lo, I am come;*
In the roll of the book it is written of me:
8 *I delight to do thy will, O my God;*
Yea, thy law is within my heart.
9 I have published righteousness in the great congregation;
Lo, I will not refrain my lips,
O Lord, thou knowest.
10 *I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart;*
I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation:
I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord:
Let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
12 *For innumerable evils have compassed me about,*
Mine iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of mine head, and my heart hath failed me.
13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me:
Make haste to help me, O Lord.
14 *Let them be ashamed and confounded together*
That seek after my soul to destroy it:
Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor
That delight in my hurt.
15 *Let them be desolate by reason of their shame*
That say unto me, Aha, Aha.
16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:
Let such as love thy salvation say continually,
The Lord be magnified.

17 *But I am poor and needy;*
Yet the Lord thinketh upon me:
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
Make no tarrying, O my God.

FORTY-NINTH SELECTION.

In National Disaster.

Ps. 79 O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance;
Thy holy temple have they defiled;
They have laid Jerusalem on heaps.
2 *The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven,*
The flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem;
And there was none to bury them.
4 *We are become a reproach to our neighbors,*
A scorn and derision to them that are round about us.
9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name:
And deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.
11 *Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee;*
According to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to death.
13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture
Will give thee thanks for ever:
We will show forth thy praise to all generations.

Ps. 80 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
Thou that sittest upon the cherubim, shine forth.
2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up thy might,
And come to save us.
3 *Turn us again, O God;*
And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts,
How long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?
5 *Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears,*
And given them tears to drink in large measure.
6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors:
And our enemies laugh among themselves.
7 *Turn us again, O God of hosts;*
And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

8 Thou broughtest a vine out of Egypt:
Thou didst drive out the nations, and plantedst it.
9 *Thou preparedst room before it,*
And it took deep root, and filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered with the shadow of it,
And the boughs thereof were like cedars of God.
11 *She sent out her branches unto the sea,*
And her shoots unto the River.
12 Why hast thou broken down her fences,
So that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?
13 *The boar out of the wood doth ravage it,*
And the wild beasts of the field feed on it.
14 Turn again, we beseech thee, O God of hosts:
Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine,
15 And the stock which thy right hand hath planted,
And the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.
16 *It is burned with fire, it is cut down:*
They perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,
Upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.
18 *So shall we not go back from thee:*
Quicken thou us, and we will call upon thy name.
19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;
Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

FIFTIETH SELECTION.

In Weakness and Frailty.

Ps. 41 Blessed is he that considereth the poor:
The Lord will deliver him in the day of evil.
2 *The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth;*
And deliver not thou him unto the will of his enemies.
3 *The Lord will support him upon the couch of languishing:*
Thou makest all his bed in his sickness.
4 I said, O Lord, have mercy upon me:
Heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.
5 *Mine enemies speak evil against me, saying,*
When shall he die, and his name perish?
6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity;
His heart gathereth iniquity to itself:
When he goeth abroad, he telleth it.
7 *All that hate me whisper together against me:*
Against me do they devise my hurt.
8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him:
And now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
9 *Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread,*
Hath lifted up his heel against me.
10 But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon me, and raise me up,
That I may requite them.
11 *By this I know that thou delightest in me,*
Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity,
And settest me before thy face for ever.

Ps. 39 I said, I will take heed to my ways,
That I sin not with my tongue:
I will keep my mouth with a bridle,
While the wicked is before me.

2 *I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good;*
And my sorrow was stirred.
3 My heart was hot within me;
While I was musing the fire kindled:
Then spake I with my tongue:
4 Lord, make me to know mine end,
And the measure of my days, what it is;
Let me know how frail I am.
5 *Behold, thou hast made my days as handbreadths;*
And mine age is as nothing before thee:
Surely every man at his best estate is altogether vanity.
6 Surely every man walketh in a vain show:
Surely they are disquieted in vain:
He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.
7 *And now, Lord, what wait I for?*
My hope is in thee.
8 Deliver me from all my transgressions:
Make me not the reproach of the foolish.
9 *I was dumb, I opened not my mouth;*
Because thou didst it.
10 Remove thy stroke away from me:
I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.
11 *When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity,*
Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth:
Surely every man is vanity.
12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry;
Hold not thy peace at my tears:
For I am a stranger with thee,
A sojourner, as all my fathers were.
13 *O spare me, that I may recover strength,*
Before I go hence, and be no more.

FIFTY-FIRST SELECTION.

From the Overbearing of the Proud.

Ps. 123 Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes,
O thou that sittest in the heavens.
2 *Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their master,*
As the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;
So our eyes look unto the Lord our God,
Until he have mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
4 *Our soul is exceedingly filled*
With the scorning of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud.

Ps. 10 Why standest thou afar off, O Lord?
Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?
2 *In the pride of the wicked the poor is hotly pursued;*
Let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.
3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire,
And the covetous renounceth, yea, contemneth the Lord.
4 *The wicked, in the pride of his countenance, saith, He will not require it.*
All his thoughts are, There is no God.
5 His ways are firm at all times;
Thy judgments are far above out of his sight:
As for all his adversaries, he puffeth at them.
6 *He saith in his heart, I shall not be moved:*
To all generations I shall not be in adversity.
7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression:
Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity.
8 *He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages:*
In the covert places doth he murder the innocent:
His eyes are privily set against the helpless.

9 He lurketh in the covert as a lion in his den:
He lieth in wait to catch the poor:
He doth catch the poor, when he draweth him in his net.
10 *He croucheth, he boweth down,*
And the helpless fall by his strong ones.
11 He saith in his heart, God hath forgotten:
He hideth his face; he will never see it.
12 *Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up thine hand:*
Forget not the poor.
13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God,
And say in his heart, Thou wilt not require it?
14 *Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to take it into thy hand:*
The helpless committeth himself unto thee;
Thou hast been the helper of the fatherless.
15 Break thou the arm of the wicked;
And as for the evil man, seek out his wickedness till thou find none.
16 *The Lord is King for ever and ever:*
The nations are perished out of his land.
17 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the meek:
Thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:
18 *To judge the fatherless and the oppressed,*
That man which is of the earth may be terrible no more.

FIFTY-SECOND SELECTION.

In Defence of Righteousness.

Ps. 17 Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry;
Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.
2 *Let my sentence come forth from thy presence;*
Let thine eyes look upon equity.
3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night;
Thou hast tried me, and findest nothing;
I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

4 *As for the works of men, by the word of thy lips*
I have kept me from the ways of the violent.
5 My steps have held fast to thy paths,
My feet have not slipped.
6 *I have called upon thee, for thou wilt answer me,*
O God:
Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.
7 Show thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that
savest them which put their trust in thee
From those that rise up against them, by thy right
hand.
8 *Keep me as the apple of the eye,*
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
9 *From the wicked that spoil me,*
My deadly enemies, that compass me about.
10 They are inclosed in their own fat:
With their mouth they speak proudly.
11 They have now compassed us in our steps:
They set their eyes to cast us down to the earth.
12 *He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey,*
And as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
13 Arise, O Lord,
Confront him, cast him down:
Deliver my soul from the wicked by thy sword;
14 *From men, by thy hand, O Lord,*
From men of the world, whose portion is in this life,
And whose belly thou fillest with thy treasure:
They are satisfied with children,
And leave the rest of their substance to their babes.
15 *As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness:*
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Ps. 43 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against
an ungodly nation:
O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
2 *For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou*
cast me off?
Why go I mourning because of the oppression of
the enemy?

3 *O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me:*
Let them bring me unto thy holy hill,
And to thy tabernacles.
4 Then will I go unto the altar of God,
Unto God my exceeding joy:
And upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,
Who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

FIFTY-THIRD SELECTION.

From Temptations of the Wicked.

Ps. 141 Lord, I have called upon thee; make haste unto me:
Give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee.
2 *Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee;*
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth;
Keep the door of my lips.
4 *Incline not my heart to any evil thing,*
To be occupied in deeds of wickedness
With men that work iniquity:
And let me not eat of their dainties.
5 Let the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness;
And let him reprove me, it shall be as oil upon the head;
Let not my head refuse it:
For even in their wickedness shall my prayer continue.
6 Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock;
And they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.
7 *As when one ploweth and cleaveth the earth,*
Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth.
8 For mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord:
In thee do I put my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

9 *Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,*
And from the gins of the workers of iniquity.
10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
Whilst that I withal escape.

Ps. 28 *Unto thee, O Lord, will I call;*
My rock, be not thou deaf unto me:
Lest, if thou be silent unto me,
I become like them that go down into the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee,
When I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.
3 *Draw me not away with the wicked,*
And with the workers of iniquity;
Which speak peace with their neighbors,
But mischief is in their hearts.
4 Give them according to their work, and according to the wickedness of their doings:
Give them after the operation of their hands;
Render to them their desert.
5 *Because they regard not the works of the Lord,*
Nor the operation of his hands,
He shall break them down and not build them up.

6 Blessed be the Lord,
Because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.
7 *The Lord is my strength and my shield;*
My heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped:
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;
And with my song will I praise him.
8 The Lord is their strength,
And he is a strong hold of salvation to his anointed.
9 *Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance:*
Feed them also, and bear them up for ever.

FIFTY-FOURTH SELECTION.

From the Violent.

Ps. 140 Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man;
Preserve me from the violent man:
2 *Which imagine mischiefs in their heart;*
Continually do they gather themselves together for war.
3 They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent;
Adders' poison is under their lips.
4 *Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;*
Preserve me from the violent man:
Who have purposed to thrust aside my steps.
5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords;
They have spread a net by the way side;
They have set gins for me.

6 *I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God:*
Give ear unto the voice of my supplications, O Lord.
7 O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation,
Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
8 *Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked;*
Further not his evil device; lest they exalt themselves.

Ps. 86 Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and answer me;
For I am poor and needy.
2 *Preserve my soul; for I am godly:*
O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord;
For unto thee do I cry all the day long.
4 *Rejoice the soul of thy servant;*
For unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive,
And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
6 *Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer;*
And hearken unto the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee;
For thou wilt answer me.
8 *There is none like unto thee among the gods, O Lord;*
Neither are there any works like unto thy works.
9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord;
And they shall glorify thy name.
10 *For thou art great, and doest wondrous things:*
Thou art God alone.
11 Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth:
Unite my heart to fear thy name.
12 *I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart;*
And I will glorify thy name for evermore.
13 For great is thy mercy toward me;
And thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest pit.
14 *O God, the proud are risen up against me,*
And the congregation of violent men have sought after my soul,
And have not set thee before them.
15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy and truth.
16 *O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me;*
Give thy strength unto thy servant,
And save the son of thine handmaid.
17 Show me a token for good;
That they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed,
Because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

FIFTY-FIFTH SELECTION.

From Slanderers.

Ps. 31 In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:
Deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 *Bow down thine ear unto me; deliver me speedily:*
Be thou to me a strong rock, an house of defence to save me.
3 For thou art my rock and my fortress;
Therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide me.
4 *Pluck me out of the net that they have laid privily for me;*
For thou art my strong hold.
5 Into thine hand I commend my spirit:
Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.
6 *I hate them that regard lying vanities:*
But I trust in the Lord.
7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy:
For thou hast seen my affliction:
Thou hast known my soul in adversities:
8 *And thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy;*
Thou hast set my feet in a large place.
9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in distress:
Mine eye wasteth away with grief, yea, my soul and my body.
10 *For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing:*
My strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are wasted away.
11 *Because of all mine adversaries I am become a reproach,*
Yea, unto my neighbors exceedingly, and a fear to mine acquaintance:
They that did see me without fled from me.
12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind:
I am like a broken vessel.
13 *For I have heard the defaming of many,*
Terror on every side:
While they took counsel together against me,
They devised to take away my life.
14 *But I trusted in thee, O Lord:*
I said, Thou art my God.

15 My times are in thy hand:
Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.
16 *Make thy face to shine upon thy servant:*
Save me in thy lovingkindness.
19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee,
Which thou hast wrought for them that put their trust in thee, before the sons of men!
20 *In the covert of thy presence shalt thou hide them from the plottings of man:*
Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.
21 Blessed be the Lord:
For he hath showed me his marvellous lovingkindness in a strong city.
22 *As for me, I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes:*
Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.
23 O love the Lord, all ye his saints:
The Lord preserveth the faithful,
And plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.
24 *Be strong, and let your heart take courage,*
All ye that hope in the Lord.

FIFTY-SIXTH SELECTION.

A Prayer of Moses the Man of God.

Ps. 90 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place
In all generations.
2 *Before the mountains were brought forth,*
Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction;
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.
4 *For a thousand years in thy sight*
Are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep:

In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
6 *In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;*
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
7 For we are consumed in thine anger,
And in thy wrath are we troubled.
8 *Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,*
Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath:
We bring our years to an end as a tale that is told.
10 *The days of our years are threescore years and ten,*
Or even by reason of strength fourscore years;
Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow;
For it is soon gone, and we fly away.
11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger,
And thy wrath according to the fear that is due unto thee?
12 *So teach us to number our days,*
That we may get us an heart of wisdom.
13 Return, O Lord; how long?
And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
14 *O satisfy us in the morning with thy mercy;*
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.
16 *Let thy work appear unto thy servants,*
And thy glory upon their children.
17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us:
And establish thou the work of our hands upon us;
Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

FIFTY-SEVENTH SELECTION.

In Old Age.

Ps. 71 In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust:
Let me never be ashamed.
2 *Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue me:*
Bow down thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou to me a rock of habitation, whereunto I
may continually resort:
Thou hast given commandment to save me;
For thou art my rock and my fortress.
4 *Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,*
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
5 For thou art my hope, O Lord God:
Thou art my trust from my youth.
6 *By thee have I been holden up from the womb:*
Thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels:
My praise shall be continually of thee.
7 I am as a wonder unto many;
But thou art my strong refuge.
8 *My mouth shall be filled with thy praise,*
And with thy honor all the day.
9 Cast me not off in the time of old age;
Forsake me not when my strength faileth.
10 *For mine enemies speak concerning me;*
And they that watch for my soul take counsel together,
11 *Saying, God hath forsaken him:*
Pursue and take him; for there is none to deliver.
12 O God, be not far from me:
O my God, make haste to help me.
13 *Let them be ashamed and consumed that are adversaries to my soul;*
Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.
14 But I will hope continually,
And will praise thee yet more and more.
15 *My mouth shall tell of thy righteousness,*
And of thy salvation all the day;
For I know not the numbers thereof.
16 I will come with the mighty acts of the Lord God:
I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of
thine only.
17 *O God, thou hast taught me from my youth;*
And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.
18 Yea, even when I am old and gray-headed, O God,
forsake me not;

Until I have declared thy strength unto the next generation,
Thy might to every one that is to come.
19 *Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high;*
Thou who hast done great things,
O God, who is like unto thee?
20 Thou, which hast showed us many and sore troubles,
Shalt quicken us again.
And shalt bring us up again from the depths of the earth.
21 *Increase thou my greatness,*
And turn again and comfort me.
22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery,
Even thy truth, O my God:
Unto thee will I sing praises with the harp,
O thou Holy One of Israel.
23 *My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing praises unto thee;*
And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long:
For they are ashamed, for they are confounded, that seek my hurt.

PRAISE FOR DELIVERANCE.

FIFTY-EIGHTH SELECTION.

God's Majestic Appearing.

Ps. 18 I love thee, O Lord, my strength.
2 *The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;*
My God, my strong rock, in him will I trust;
My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.
3 I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
4 *The cords of death compassed me,*
And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

5 The cords of Sheol were round about me:
The snares of death came upon me.
6 *In my distress I called upon the Lord,*
And cried unto my God:
He heard my voice out of his temple,
And my cry before him came into his ears.
7 Then the earth shook and trembled,
The foundations also of the mountains moved
And were shaken, because he was wroth.
8 *There went up a smoke out of his nostrils,*
And fire out of his mouth devoured:
Coals were kindled by it.
9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
And thick darkness was under his feet.
10 *And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly:*
Yea, he flew swiftly upon the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness his hiding place, his pavilion round about him;
Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
12 *At the brightness before him his thick clouds passed,*
Hailstones and coals of fire.
13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens,
And the Most High uttered his voice;
Hailstones and coals of fire.
14 *And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;*
Yea, lightnings manifold, and discomfited them.
15 Then the channels of waters appeared,
And the foundations of the world were laid bare,
At thy rebuke, O Lord,
At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
16 *He sent from on high, he took me;*
He drew me out of many waters.
17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from them that hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
18 *They came upon me in the day of my calamity:*
But the Lord was my stay.
19 He brought me forth also into a large place;
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
20 *The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness;*

According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
22 *For all his judgments were before me,*
And I put not away his statutes from me.
23 I was also perfect with him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
24 *Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness,*
According to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

FIFTY-NINTH SELECTION.

Confidence for the Future.

Ps. 18 With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful;
With the perfect man thou wilt show thyself perfect;
26 *With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure;*
And with the perverse thou wilt show thyself froward.
27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people;
But the haughty eyes thou wilt bring down.
28 *For thou wilt light my lamp:*
The Lord my God will lighten my darkness.
29 For by thee I run upon a troop;
And by my God do I leap over a wall.
30 *As for God, his way is perfect:*
The word of the Lord is tried;
He is a shield unto all them that trust in him.
31 For who is God, save the Lord?
And who is a rock, beside our God?
32 *The God that girdeth me with strength,*
And maketh my way perfect.
33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet:
And setteth me upon my high places.
34 *He teacheth my hands to war;*
So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation:
And thy right hand hath holden me up,
And thy gentleness hath made me great.
36 *Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,*
And my feet have not slipped.
37 I will pursue mine enemies, and overtake them:
Neither will I turn again till they are consumed.
38 *I will smite them through that they shall not be able to rise:*
They shall fall under my feet.
39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle:
Thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.
40 *Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their backs unto me,*
That I might cut off them that hate me.
41 They cried, but there was none to save:
Even unto the Lord, but he answered them not.
42 *Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind:*
I did cast them out as the mire of the streets.
43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people;
Thou hast made me the head of the nations:
A people whom I have not known shall serve me.
44 *As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me:*
The strangers shall submit themselves unto me.
45 The strangers shall fade away,
And shall come trembling out of their close places.
46 *The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock;*
And exalted be the God of my salvation:
47 *Even the God that executeth vengeance for me,*
And subdueth peoples under me.
48 He rescueth me from mine enemies:
Yea, thou liftest me up above them that rise up against me:
Thou deliverest me from the violent man.

49 *Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord,*
among the nations,
And will sing praises unto thy name.
50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king;
And showeth lovingkindness to his anointed,
To David and to his seed, for evermore.

SIXTIETH SELECTION.

From Death.

Ps. 30 I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast raised me up,
And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
2 *O Lord my God,*
I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
3 O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol:
Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
4 *Sing praise unto the Lord, O ye saints of his,*
And give thanks to his holy name.
5 For his anger is but for a moment;
In his favor is life:
Weeping may tarry for the night,
But joy cometh in the morning.
6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
I shall never be moved.
7 *Thou, Lord, of thy favor hadst made my mountain to stand strong:*
Thou didst hide thy face; I was troubled.
8 I cried to thee, O Lord;
And unto the Lord I made supplication:
9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
10 *Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me:*
Lord, be thou my helper.
11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing;
Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:

12 *To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee,*
and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for
ever.

Ps. 116 I love the Lord, because he hath heard
My voice and my supplications.
2 *Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,*
Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
3 The cords of death compassed me,
And the pains of Sheol gat hold upon me:
I found trouble and sorrow.
4 *Then called I upon the name of the Lord;*
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
Yea, our God is merciful.
6 *The Lord preserveth the simple:*
I was brought low, and he saved me.
7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul;
For the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.
8 *For thou hast delivered my soul from death,*
Mine eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before the Lord
In the land of the living.
10 *I believe, for I will speak:*
I was greatly afflicted:
11 *I said in my haste,*
All men are a lie.
12 What shall I render unto the Lord
For all his benefits toward me?
13 *I will take the cup of salvation,*
And call upon the name of the Lord.
14 I will pay my vows unto the Lord,
Yea, in the presence of all his people.
15 *Precious in the sight of the Lord*
Is the death of his saints.
16 O Lord, truly I am thy servant:
I am thy servant, the son of thine handmaid;
Thou hast loosed my bonds.

17 *I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,*
And will call upon the name of the Lord.
18 I will pay my vows unto the Lord,
Yea, in the presence of all his people;
19 *In the courts of the Lord's house,*
In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
Praise ye the Lord.

SIXTY-FIRST SELECTION.

From Zion's Enemies.

Ps. 76 In Judah is God known:
His name is great in Israel.
2 *In Salem also is his tabernacle,*
And his dwelling place in Zion.
3 There he brake the arrows of the bow;
The shield, and the sword, and the battle.
4 *Glorious art thou and excellent, from the mountains of prey.*
5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep;
And none of the men of might have found their hands.
6 *At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,*
Both chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.
7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared:
And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?
8 *Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from heaven;*
The earth feared, and was still,
9 *When God arose to judgment,*
To save all the meek of the earth.
10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee:
The residue of wrath shalt thou gird upon thee.
11 *Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God:*
Let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
12 *He shall cut off the spirit of princes:*
He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

Ps. 48 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised,
In the city of our God, in his holy mountain.
2 *Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,*
Is mount Zion, on the sides of the north,
The city of the great King.
3 God hath made himself known in her palaces for a refuge.
4 *For, lo, the kings assembled themselves,*
They passed by together.
5 They saw it, then were they amazed;
They were dismayed, they hasted away.
6 *Trembling took hold of them there;*
Pain, as of a woman in travail.
7 With the east wind
Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish.
8 *As we have heard, so have we seen*
In the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God:
God will establish it for ever.
9 We have thought on thy lovingkindness, O God,
In the midst of thy temple.
10 *As is thy name, O God,*
So is thy praise unto the ends of the earth:
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let mount Zion be glad,
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice,
Because of thy judgments.
12 *Walk about Zion, and go round about her:*
Tell the towers thereof.
13 Mark ye well her bulwarks,
Consider her palaces;
That ye may tell it to the generation following.
14 *For this God is our God for ever and ever:*
He will be our guide even unto death.

SIXTY-SECOND SELECTION.

God a God of Deliverances.

Ps. 68 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered;
Let them also that hate him flee before him.
3 But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God:
Yea, let them rejoice with gladness.
4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:
Cast up a high way for him that rideth through the deserts;
His name is Jah; and exult ye before him.
5 *A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows,*
Is God in his holy habitation.
6 God setteth the solitary in families:
He bringeth out the prisoners into prosperity:
But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

7 *O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people,*
When thou didst march through the wilderness;
8 *The earth trembled,*
The heavens also dropped at the presence of God:
Even yon Sinai trembled at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
9 *Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain,*
Thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.
10 Thy congregation dwelt therein:
Thou, O God, didst prepare of thy goodness for the poor.
11 *The Lord giveth the word:*
The women that publish the tidings are a great host.
12 Kings of armies flee, they flee:
And she that tarrieth at home divideth the spoil.
13 *Will ye lie among the sheepfolds,*
As the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And her pinions with yellow gold?
14 When the Almighty scattered kings therein,
It was as when it snoweth in Zalmon.

15 *A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan;*
An high mountain is the mountain of Bashan.
16 Why look ye askance, ye high mountains,
At the mountain which God hath desired for his abode?
Yea, the Lord will dwell in it for ever.
17 *The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands upon thousands:*
The Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the sanctuary.
18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led thy captivity captive;
Thou hast received gifts among men,
Yea, among the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell with them.

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our burden,
Even the God who is our salvation.
20 *God is unto us a God of deliverances;*
And unto Jehovah the Lord belong the issues from death.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength:
Strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.
29 *Because of thy temple at Jerusálem*
Kings shall bring presents unto thee.
30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds,
The multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples,
Trampling under foot the pieces of silver;
He hath scattered the peoples that delight in war.
31 *Princes shall come out of Egypt;*
Ethiopia shall haste to stretch out her hands unto God.
32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth;
O sing praises unto the Lord;
33 *To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which are of old;*
Lo, he uttereth his voice, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God:
His excellency is over Israel,
And his strength is in the skies.
35 *O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places:*
The God of Israel, he giveth strength and power unto his people.
Blessed be God.

SIXTY-THIRD SELECTION.

Wonders of God's Method as Redeemer.

Ps. 107 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
2 *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,*
Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the adversary;
3 *And gathered them out of the lands,*
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way;
They found no city of habitation.
5 Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
6 *Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,*
And he delivered them out of their distresses.
7 He led them also by a straight way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.
8 *Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,*
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
9 For he satisfieth the longing soul,
And the hungry soul he filleth with good.

10 *Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,*
Being bound in affliction and iron;
11 *Because they rebelled against the words of God,*
And contemned the counsel of the Most High:
12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labor;
They fell down, and there was none to help.

13 *Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,*
And he saved them out of their distresses.
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
And brake their bands in sunder.
15 *Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,*
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
16 For he hath broken the gates of brass,
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 *Fools because of their transgression,*
And because of their iniquities, are afflicted:
18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat;
And they draw near unto the gates of death.
19 *Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble,*
And he saveth them out of their distresses,
20 He sendeth his word, and healeth them,
And delivereth them from their destructions.
21 *Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,*
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
22 And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare his works with singing.

23 *They that go down to the sea in ships,*
That do business in great waters;
24 These see the works of the Lord,
And his wonders in the deep.
25 *For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,*
Which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths:
Their soul melteth away because of trouble.
27 *They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,*
And are at their wits' end.
28 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble,
And he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 *He maketh the storm a calm,*
So that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad because they be quiet;
So he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.
31 *Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,*
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
32 Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people,
And praise him in the seat of the elders.

33 *He turneth rivers into a wilderness,*
And watersprings into a thirsty ground;
34 A fruitful land into a salt desert,
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
35 *He turneth a wilderness into a pool of water,*
And a dry land into watersprings.
36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell,
That they may prepare a city of habitation;
37 *And sow fields, and plant vineyards,*
And get them fruits of increase.
38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly;
And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
39 *Again, they are minished and bowed down*
Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.
40 He poureth contempt upon princes,
And causeth them to wander in the waste, where there is no way.
41 *Yet setteth he the needy on high from affliction,*
And maketh him families like a flock.
42 The upright shall see it, and be glad;
And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
43 *Whoso is wise shall give heed to these things,*
And they shall consider the mercies of the Lord.

SIXTY-FOURTH SELECTION.

It is the Lord who delivers.

Ps. **124** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
Let Israel now say;
2 *If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,*
When men rose up against us:
3 Then they had swallowed us up alive,
When their wrath was kindled against us:
4 *Then the waters had overwhelmed us,*
The stream had gone over our soul:
5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.
6 *Blessed be the Lord,*
Who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.
7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers:
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
8 *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*
Who made heaven and earth.

Ps. **126** When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion,
We were like unto them that dream.
2 *Then was our mouth filled with laughter,*
And our tongue with singing:
Then said they among the nations,
The Lord hath done great things for them.
3 *The Lord hath done great things for us;*
Whereof we are glad.
4 Turn again our captivity, O Lord,
As the streams in the South.
5 *They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.*
6 Though he goeth on his way weeping, bearing forth the seed;
He shall come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Ps. 85 Lord, thou hast been favorable unto thy land:
Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.
2 *Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people,*
Thou hast covered all their sin.
3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath:
Thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.
4 *Turn us, O God of our salvation,*
And cause thine indignation toward us to cease.
5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever?
Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?
6 *Wilt thou not quicken us again:*
That thy people may rejoice in thee?
7 Show us thy mercy, O Lord,
And grant us thy salvation.
8 *I will hear what God the Lord will speak:*
For he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints:
But let them not turn again to folly.
9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him;
That glory may dwell in our land.
10 *Mercy and truth are met together;*
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 *Truth springeth out of the earth;*
And righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
12 Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good;
And our land shall yield her increase.
13 *Righteousness shall go before him;*
And shall make his footsteps a way to walk in.

SIXTY-FIFTH SELECTION.

A Call to Public Acknowledgment.

Ps. 118 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
2 *Let Israel now say,*
That his mercy endureth for ever.
3 Let the house of Aaron now say,
That his mercy endureth for ever.

4 *Let them now that fear the Lord say,*
That his mercy endureth for ever.
5 Out of my distress I called upon the Lord:
The Lord answered me and set me in a large place.
6 *The Lord is on my side; I will not fear:*
What can man do unto me?
7 The Lord is on my side among them that help me:
Therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.
8 *It is better to trust in the Lord*
Than to put confidence in man.
9 It is better to trust in the Lord
Than to put confidence in princes.
10 *All nations compassed me about:*
In the name of the Lord I will cut them off.
11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about:
In the name of the Lord I will cut them off.
12 *They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns:*
In the name of the Lord I will cut them off.
13 Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall:
But the Lord helped me.
14 *The Lord is my strength and song;*
And he is become my salvation.
15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous:
The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.
16 *The right hand of the Lord is exalted:*
The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of the Lord.
18 *The Lord hath chastened me sore:*
But he hath not given me over unto death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness:
I will enter into them, I will give thanks unto the Lord.
20 *This is the gate of the Lord;*
The righteous shall enter into it.

21 I will give thanks unto thee, for thou hast answered me,
And art become my salvation.
22 *The stone which the builders rejected*
Is become the head of the corner.
23 This is the Lord's doing;
It is marvellous in our eyes.
24 *This is the day which the Lord hath made;*
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save now, we beseech thee, O Lord:
O Lord, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.
26 *Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord:*
We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.
27 *The Lord is God, and he hath given us light:*
Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.
28 Thou art my God, and I will give thanks unto thee:
Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
29 *O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:*
For his mercy endureth for ever.

SIXTY-SIXTH SELECTION.

God shows Himself a Judge.

Ps. 9 I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart;
I will show forth all thy marvellous works.
2 *I will be glad and exult in thee:*
I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.
3 When mine enemies turn back,
They stumble and perish at thy presence.
4 *For thou hast maintained my right and my cause;*
Thou satest in the throne judging righteously.
5 Thou hast rebuked the nations, thou hast destroyed the wicked,
Thou hast blotted out their name for ever and ever.
6 *The enemy are come to an end, they are desolate for ever;*
And the cities which thou hast overthrown,
Their very memorial is perished.

7 But the Lord sitteth as king for ever:
He hath prepared his throne for judgment.
8 *And he shall judge the world in righteousness,*
He shall minister judgment to the peoples in uprightness.
9 The Lord also will be a high tower for the oppressed,
A high tower in times of trouble;
10 *And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee;*
For thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.
11 Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion:
Declare among the people his doings.
12 *For he that maketh inquisition for blood remembereth them:*
He forgetteth not the cry of the poor.
13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord;
Behold my affliction which I suffer of them that hate me,
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death;
14 *That I may show forth all thy praise:*
In the gates of the daughter of Zion,
I will rejoice in thy salvation.
15 The nations are sunk down in the pit that they made:
In the net which they hid is their own foot taken.
16 *The Lord hath made himself known, he hath executed judgment:*
The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.
17 The wicked shall return to Sheol,
Even all the nations that forget God.
18 *For the needy shall not alway be forgotten,*
Nor the expectation of the poor perish for ever.
19 Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail:
Let the nations be judged in thy sight.
20 *Put them in fear, O Lord:*
Let the nations know themselves to be but men.

SONGS OF FAITH.

SIXTY-SEVENTH SELECTION.

Rest in God.

Ps. 11 In the Lord put I my trust:
How say ye to my soul,
Flee as a bird to your mountain?
2 *For, lo, the wicked bend the bow,*
They make ready their arrow upon the string,
That they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.
3 If the foundations be destroyed,
What can the righteous do?
4 *The Lord is in his holy temple,*
The Lord, his throne is in heaven;
His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.
5 The Lord trieth the righteous:
But the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.
6 *Upon the wicked he shall rain snares;*
Fire and brimstone and burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.
7 For the Lord is righteous; he loveth righteousness:
The upright shall behold his face.

Ps. 3 Lord, how are mine adversaries increased!
Many are they that rise up against me.
2 *Many there be which say of my soul,*
There is no help for him in God.
3 But thou, O Lord, art a shield about me;
My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
4 *I cry unto the Lord with my voice,*
And he answereth me out of his holy hill.
5 I laid me down and slept;
I awaked; for the Lord sustaineth me.
6 *I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the people,*
That have set themselves against me round about.

7 Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God:
For thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone;
Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.
8 *Salvation belongeth unto the Lord:*
Thy blessing be upon thy people.

Ps. 4 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
Thou hast set me at large when I was in distress:
Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
2 *O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be turned into dishonor?*
How long will ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood?
3 But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself:
The Lord will hear when I call unto him.
4 *Stand in awe, and sin not:*
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the Lord.
6 *Many there be that say, Who will show us any good?*
Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than they have when their corn and their wine are increased.
8 *In peace will I both lay me down and sleep:*
For thou, Lord, alone makest me dwell in safety.

SIXTY-EIGHTH SELECTION.

Under the Shadow of the Almighty.

Ps. 16 Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.
2 I have said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord:
I have no good beyond thee.

3 *As for the saints that are in the earth,*
They are the excellent in whom is all my delight.
4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that exchange the Lord for another god:
Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer,
Nor take their names upon my lips.
5 *The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:*
Thou maintainest my lot.
6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
7 *I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel:*
Yea, my reins instruct me in the night seasons.
8 I have set the Lord always before me:
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 *Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:*
My flesh also shall dwell in safety.
10 For thou wilt not leave my soul to Sheol;
Neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.
11 *Thou wilt show me the path of life:*
In thy presence is fulness of joy;
In thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Ps. 91 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 *I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress;*
My God, in whom I trust.
3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.
4 *He shall cover thee with his pinions,*
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge:
His truth is a shield and a buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
6 *For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,*
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side,
And ten thousand at thy right hand;
But it shall not come nigh thee.
8 *Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,*
And see the reward of the wicked.
9 For thou, O Lord, art my refuge!
Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation;
10 *There shall no evil befall thee,*
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
12 *They shall bear thee up in their hands,*
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:
The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample under feet.
14 *Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:*
I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble:
I will deliver him, and honor him.
16 *With long life will I satisfy him,*
And show him my salvation.

SIXTY-NINTH SELECTION.

God the Sleepless Guard.

Ps. 125 They that trust in the Lord
Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth for ever.
2 *As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,*
So the Lord is round about his people,
From this time forth and for evermore.
3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous;
That the righteous put not forth their hands unto iniquity.
4 *Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good,*
And to them that are upright in their hearts.

5 But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways,
The Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity.
Peace be upon Israel.

Ps. 121 I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains:
From whence shall my help come?
2 *My help cometh from the Lord,*
Which made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4 *Behold, he that keepeth Israel*
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord is thy keeper:
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
6 *The sun shall not smite thee by day,*
Nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall keep thee from all evil;
He shall keep thy soul.
8 *The Lord shall keep thy going out and thy coming in,*
From this time forth and for evermore.

Ps. 23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul:
He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me:
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SEVENTIETH SELECTION.

Waiting until Calamities are Overpast.

Ps. 57 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me;
For my soul taketh refuge in thee:
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I take refuge,
Until these calamities be overpast.
2 I will cry unto God Most High;
Unto God that performeth all things for me.
3 *He shall send from heaven, and save me,*
When he that would swallow me up reproacheth;
God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.
4 My soul is among lions;
I lie among them that are set on fire,
Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.
5 *Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;*
Let thy glory be above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps;
My soul is bowed down:
They have digged a pit before me;
They are fallen into the midst thereof themselves.
7 *My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:*
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises.
8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself will awake right early.
9 *I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples:*
I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens,
And thy truth unto the skies.
11 *Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;*
Let thy glory be above all the earth.

Ps. 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2 *When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh,*
Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.
3 Though an host should encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear:
Though war should rise against me,
Even then will I be confident.
4 *One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after;*
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
5 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me secretly in his pavilion:
In the covert of his tabernacle shall he hide me;
He shall lift me up upon a rock.
6 *And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me;*
And I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.
7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice:
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
8 *When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee,*
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
9 Hide not thy face from me;
Put not thy servant away in anger:
Thou hast been my help;
Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
10 *For my father and my mother have forsaken me,*
But the Lord will take me up.
11 Teach me thy way, O Lord;
And lead me in a plain path,
Because of mine enemies.

12 *Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries:*
For false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.
13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living.
14 *Wait on the Lord:*
Be strong, and let thine heart take courage;
Yea, wait thou on the Lord.

SEVENTY-FIRST SELECTION.

Trust unshaken by Tumults of Men and of Nature.

Ps. 54 Save me, O God, by thy name,
And judge me in thy might.
2 *Hear my prayer, O God;*
Give ear to the words of my mouth.
3 For strangers are risen up against me,
And violent men have sought after my soul:
They have not set God before them.
4 *Behold, God is mine helper:*
The Lord is of them that uphold my soul.
5 He shall requite the evil unto mine enemies:
Destroy thou them in thy truth.
6 *With a freewill offering will I sacrifice unto thee:*
I will give thanks unto thy name, O Lord, for it is good.
7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble;
And mine eye hath seen my desire upon mine enemies.

Ps. 56 Be merciful unto me, O God; for man would swallow me up:
All the day long he fighting oppresseth me.
2 *Mine enemies would swallow me up all the day long:*
For they be many that fight proudly against me.
3 What time I am afraid,
I will put my trust in thee.
4 *In God I will praise his word:*
In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid;
What can flesh do unto me?

5 All the day long they wrest my words:
All their thoughts are against me for evil.
6 *They gather themselves together, they hide themselves,*
They mark my steps,
Even as they have waited for my soul.
7 Shall they escape by iniquity?
In anger cast down the peoples, O God.
8 *Thou tellest my wanderings:*
Put thou my tears into thy bottle;
Are they not in thy book?
9 Then shall mine enemies turn back in the day that I call:
This I know, that God is for me.
10 *In God will I praise his word:*
In the Lord will I praise his word.
11 In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid;
What can man do unto me?
12 *Thy vows are upon me, O God:*
I will render thank offerings unto thee.
13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death:
Hast thou not delivered my feet from falling?
That I may walk before God
In the light of the living.

Ps. 46 God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
2 *Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change,*
And though the mountains be moved in the heart of the seas;
3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

4 *There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,*
The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God shall help her, and that right early.

6 *The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved:*
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 *Come, behold the works of the Lord,*
What desolations he hath made in the earth.
9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth:
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;
He burneth the chariots in the fire.
10 *Be still, and know that I am God:*
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

SEVENTY-SECOND SELECTION.

In Great Darkness of Human Treachery.

Ps. 55 Give ear to my prayer, O God;
And hide not thyself from my supplication.
2 *Attend unto me, and answer me:*
I am restless in my complaint, and moan;
3 *Because of the voice of the enemy,*
Because of the oppression of the wicked;
For they cast iniquity upon me,
And in anger they persecute me.
4 *My heart is sore pained within me:*
And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,
And horror hath overwhelmed me.
6 *And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!*
Then would I fly away, and be at rest.
7 Lo, then would I wander far off,
I would lodge in the wilderness.
8 *I would haste me to a shelter*
From the stormy wind and tempest.
9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongue:
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 *Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof:*
Iniquity also and mischief are in the midst of it.
11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof:
Oppression and guile depart not from her streets.
12 *For it was not an enemy that reproached me;*
Then I could have borne it:
Neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me;
Then I would have hid myself from him:
13 But it was thou, a man mine equal,
My companion, and my familiar friend.
14 *We took sweet counsel together,*
We walked in the house of God with the throng.
16 As for me, I will call upon God;
And the Lord shall save me.
17 *Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I complain, and moan:*
And he shall hear my voice.
18 He hath redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me:
For they were many that strove with me.
19 *God shall hear, and answer them,*
Even he that abideth of old,
The men who have no changes,
And who fear not God.
20 He hath put forth his hands against such as were at peace with him:
He hath profaned his covenant.
21 *His mouth was smooth as butter,*
But his heart was war:
His words were softer than oil,
Yet were they drawn swords.
22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee:
He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction:
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days;
But I will trust in thee.

Ps. 62 My soul waiteth only upon God:
From him cometh my salvation.
2 *He only is my rock and my salvation:*
He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.
3 How long will ye set upon a man,
That ye may slay him, all of you,
Like a bowing wall, like a tottering fence?
4 *They only consult to thrust him down from his excellency;*
They delight in lies:
They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.
5 My soul, wait thou only upon God;
For my expectation is from him.
6 *He only is my rock and my salvation:*
He is my high tower; I shall not be moved.
7 With God is my salvation and my glory:
The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
8 *Trust in him at all times, ye people;*
Pour out your heart before him:
God is a refuge for us.
9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie:
In the balances they will go up;
They are together lighter than vanity.
10 *Trust not in oppression,*
And become not vain in robbery:
If riches increase, set not your heart thereon.
11 God hath spoken once,
Twice have I heard this;
That power belongeth unto God:
12 *Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy:*
For thou renderest to every man according to his work.

SEVENTY-THIRD SELECTION.

In Separation from the Sanctuary.

Ps. 42 As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
2 *My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:*
When shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?
4 *These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me,*
How I went with the throng, and led them to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping holyday.
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him
For the health of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me:
Therefore do I remember thee from the land of Jordan,
And the Hermons, from the hill Mizar.
7 *Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-spouts:*
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
8 Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the day-time,
And in the night his song shall be with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my life.
9 *I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me?*
Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
10 As with a sword in my bones, mine adversaries reproach me;
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?
11 *Why art thou cast down, O my soul?*
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,
Who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Ps. 84 How amiable are thy tabernacles,
O Lord of hosts!
2 *My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord;*
My heart and my flesh cry out unto the living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
Even thine altars, O Lord of hosts,
My King, and my God.
4 *Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:*
They will be still praising thee.
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;
In whose heart are the high ways to Zion.
6 *Passing through the valley of Weeping they make it a place of springs;*
Yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.
7 They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.
8 *O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:*
Give ear, O God of Jacob.
9 Behold, O God our shield,
And look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 *For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.*
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the Lord God is a sun and a shield:
The Lord will give grace and glory:
No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
12 *O Lord of hosts,*
Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

SEVENTY-FOURTH SELECTION.

God a Refuge in Weariness.

Ps. 61 Hear my cry, O God;
Attend unto my prayer.
2 *From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed:*
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a refuge for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.
4 *I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever:*
I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings.
5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:
Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.
6 *Thou wilt prolong the king's life:*
His years shall be as many generations.
7 He shall abide before God for ever:
O prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him.
8 *So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,*
That I may daily perform my vows.

Ps. 63 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee:
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee,
In a dry and weary land, where no water is.
2 *So have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary,*
To see thy power and thy glory.
3 For thy lovingkindness is better than life;
My lips shall praise thee.
4 *So will I bless thee while I live:*
I will lift up my hands in thy name.
5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness;
And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips;
6 When I remember thee upon my bed,
And meditate on thee in the night watches.
7 *For thou hast been my help,*
And in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
8 My soul followeth hard after thee:
Thy right hand upholdeth me.
9 *But those that seek my soul, to destroy it,*
Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
10 They shall be given over to the power of the sword:
They shall be a portion for foxes.

11 *But the king shall rejoice in God:*
Every one that sweareth by him shall glory;
For the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

SEVENTY-FIFTH SELECTION.

God alone Worthy of Trust.

Ps. 33 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:
Praise is comely for the upright.
2 *Give thanks unto the Lord with harp:*
Sing praises unto him with the psaltery of ten strings.
3 Sing unto him a new song;
Play skilfully with a loud noise.
4 *For the word of the Lord is right;*
And all his work is done in faithfulness.
5 He loveth righteousness and judgment:
The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord.
6 *By the word of the Lord were the heavens made;*
And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap:
He layeth up the deeps in storehouses.
8 *Let all the earth fear the Lord:*
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
9 For he spake, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.
10 *The Lord bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought:*
He maketh the thoughts of the peoples to be of none effect.
11 The counsel of the Lord standeth fast for ever,
The thoughts of his heart to all generations.
12 *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord;*
The people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
13 The Lord looketh from heaven;
He beholdeth all the sons of men;
14 *From the place of his habitation he looketh forth*
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth;

15 He that fashioneth the hearts of them all,
That considereth all their works.
16 *There is no king saved by the multitude of an host:*
A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.
17 An horse is a vain thing for safety:
Neither shall he deliver any by his great power.
18 *Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him,*
Upon them that hope in his mercy;
19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
20 *Our soul hath waited for the Lord:*
He is our help and our shield.
21 For our heart shall rejoice in him,
Because we have trusted in his holy name.
22 *Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,*
According as we have hoped in thee.

SEVENTY-SIXTH SELECTION.

God's Wonders recalled in Time of Discouragement.

Ps. 77 I will cry unto God with my voice;
Even unto God with my voice, and he will give ear unto me.
2 *In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord:*
My hand was stretched out in the night, and slacked not;
My soul refused to be comforted.
3 I remember God, and am disquieted:
I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed.
4 *Thou holdest mine eyes watching:*
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
6 *I call to remembrance my song in the night:*
I commune with mine own heart;
And my spirit made diligent search.
7 Will the Lord cast off for ever?
And will he be favorable no more?
8 *Is his mercy clean gone for ever?*
Doth his promise fail for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious?
Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?
10 *And I said, This is my infirmity;*
But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.
11 I will make mention of the deeds of the Lord;
For I will remember thy wonders of old.
12 *I will meditate also upon all thy work,*
And muse on thy doings.
13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary:
Who is a great god like unto God?
14 *Thou art the God that doest wonders:*
Thou hast made known thy strength among the peoples.
15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph.
16 *The waters saw thee, O God;*
The waters saw thee, they were afraid:
The depths also trembled.
17 The clouds poured out water;
The skies sent out a sound:
Thine arrows also went abroad.
18 *The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind;*
The lightnings lightened the world:
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Thy way was in the sea,
And thy paths in the great waters,
And thy footsteps were not known.
20 *Thou leddest thy people like a flock,*
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH SELECTION.

Comfort in the Divine Presence.

Ps. 139 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
Thou understandest my thought afar off.
3 *Thou searchest out my path and my lying down,*
And art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue,
But, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
5 *Thou hast beset me behind and before,*
And laid thine hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
7 *Whither shall I go from thy spirit?*
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there:
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there.
9 *If I take the wings of the morning,*
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
10 *Even there shall thy hand lead me,*
And thy right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me,
And the light about me shall be night;
12 Even the darkness hideth not from thee,
But the night shineth as the day:
The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
13 *For thou hast possessed my reins:*
Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
14 I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
Wonderful are thy works;
And that my soul knoweth right well.
15 *My frame was not hidden from thee,*
When I was made in secret,
And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16 Thine eyes did see mine unperfect substance,
And in thy book were all my members written,
Which day by day were fashioned,
When as yet there was none of them.
17 *How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!*
How great is the sum of them!
18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:
When I awake, I am still with thee.
19 *Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God:*
Depart from me therefore, ye bloodthirsty men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly,
And thine enemies take thy name in vain.
21 *Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee?*
And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
22 I hate them with perfect hatred:
I count them mine enemies.
23 *Search me, O God, and know my heart:*
Try me, and know my thoughts:
24 *And see if there be any way of wickedness in me,*
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Ps. 131 Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty;
Neither do I exercise myself in great matters,
Or in things too wonderful for me.
2 *Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul;*
Like a weaned child with his mother,
My soul is with me like a weaned child.
3 *O Israel, hope in the Lord*
From this time forth and for evermore.

THE KING AND THE KINGDOM.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH SELECTION.

The Lord saves his Anointed.

Ps. 20 The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble;
The name of the God of Jacob set thee up on high;
2 *Send thee help from the sanctuary,*
And strengthen thee out of Zion;
3 Remember all thy offerings,
And accept thy burnt sacrifice;
4 *Grant thee thy heart's desire,*
And fulfil all thy counsel.
5 We will triumph in thy salvation,
And in the name of our God we will set up our banners:
The Lord fulfil all thy petitions.
6 Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed;

He will answer him from his holy heaven
With the saving strength of his right hand.
7 *Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:*
But we will make mention of the name of the Lord our God.
8 They are bowed down and fallen:
But we are risen, and stand upright.
9 *Save, Lord:*
Let the King answer us when we call.

Ps. 21 The king shall joy in thy strength, O Lord;
And in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
2 *Thou hast given him his heart's desire,*
And hast not withholden the request of his lips.
3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness:
Thou settest a crown of fine gold on his head.
4 *He asked life of thee, thou gavest it him;*
Even length of days for ever and ever.
5 His glory is great in thy salvation:
Honor and majesty dost thou lay upon him.
6 *For thou makest him most blessed for ever:*
Thou makest him glad with joy in thy presence.
7 For the king trusteth in the Lord,
And through the lovingkindness of the Most High he shall not be moved.
8 *Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies:*
Thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.
9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery furnace in the time of thine anger.
The Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath,
And the fire shall devour them.
10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth,
And their seed from among the children of men.
11 *For they intended evil against thee:*
They imagined a device, which they are not able to perform.
12 For thou shalt make them turn their back,
Thou shalt make ready with thy bowstrings against the face of them.

13 *Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thy strength:*
So will we sing and praise thy power.

SEVENTY-NINTH SELECTION.

Resistance vain.

Ps. 110 The Lord saith unto my lord, Sit thou at my right hand,
Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
2 *The Lord shall send forth the rod of thy strength out of Zion:*
Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
3 Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy power:
In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning,
Thou hast the dew of thy youth.
4 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent,
Thou art a priest for ever
After the order of Melchizedek.
5 *The Lord at thy right hand*
Shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
6 He shall judge among the nations,
He shall fill the places with dead bodies;
He shall strike through the head in many countries.
7 *He shall drink of the brook in the way:*
Therefore shall he lift up the head.

Ps. 2 Why do the nations rage,
And the peoples imagine a vain thing?
2 *The kings of the earth set themselves,*
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,
3 Let us break their bands asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.

4 *He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:*
The Lord shall have them in derision.
5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath,
And vex them in his sore displeasure:

6 *Yet I have set my king*
Upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said unto me, Thou art my son;
This day have I begotten thee.
8 *Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance,*
And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 *Now therefore be wise, O ye kings:*
Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
11 Serve the Lord with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
12 *Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way,*
For his wrath will soon be kindled.
Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

EIGHTIETH SELECTION.

Glories of the King.

Ps. 45 My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter:
I speak the things which I have made touching the king:
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
2 *Thou art fairer than the children of men;*
Grace is poured into thy lips:
Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one,
Thy glory and thy majesty.
4 *And in thy majesty ride on prosperously,*
Because of truth and meekness and righteousness:
And thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
5 Thine arrows are sharp;
The peoples fall under thee;
They are in the heart of the king's enemies.

6 *Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:*
A sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness:
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
8 *All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia;*
Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made thee glad.
9 Kings' daughters are among thy honorable women:
At thy right hand doth stand the queen in gold of Ophir.
10 *Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear;*
Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;
11 So shall the king desire thy beauty:
For he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.
12 *And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift;*
Even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favor.
13 The king's daughter within the palace is all glorious:
Her clothing is inwrought with gold.
14 *She shall be led unto the king in broidered work:*
The virgins her companions that follow her
Shall be brought unto thee.
15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led:
They shall enter into the king's palace.
16 *Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,*
Whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth.
17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:
Therefore shall the peoples give thee thanks for ever and ever.

EIGHTY-FIRST SELECTION.

Deliverance to the Oppressed.

Ps. 72 Give the king thy judgments, O God,
And thy righteousness unto the king's son.
2 *He shall judge thy people with righteousness,*
And thy poor with judgment.
3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people,
And the hills, in righteousness.
4 *He shall judge the poor of the people,*
He shall save the children of the needy,
And shall break in pieces the oppressor.
5 They shall fear thee while the sun endureth,
And so long as the moon, throughout all generations.
6 *He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass:*
As showers that water the earth.
7 In his days shall the righteous flourish;
And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more.
8 *He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,*
And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him;
And his enemies shall lick the dust.
10 *The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents:*
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him:
All nations shall serve him.
12 *For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth;*
And the poor, that hath no helper.
13 He shall have pity on the poor and needy,
And the souls of the needy he shall save.
14 *He shall redeem their soul from oppression and violence;*
And precious shall their blood be in his sight:
15 And they shall live; and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba:
And men shall pray for him continually;
They shall bless him all the day long.

16 *There shall be abundance of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains;*
The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon:
And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.
17 His name shall endure for ever;
His name shall be continued as long as the sun:
And men shall be blessed in him;
All nations shall call him happy.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things:
19 *And blessed be his glorious name for ever;*
And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen, and Amen.

EIGHTY-SECOND SELECTION.

A Prophecy of Righteousness and Peace.

Isa. 11 And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit:
2 *And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,*
The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;
3 *And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:*
4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:
And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
6 *And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;*
And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 *And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the basilisk's den.

9 *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.*

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the root of Jesse, which standeth for an ensign of the peoples, unto him shall the nations seek;

And his resting place shall be glorious.

Isa. 32 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2 *And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.*

3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.

4 *The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.*

5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

6 *For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise profaneness, and to utter error against the Lord,*

To make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 *The instruments also of the churl are evil:*

He deviseth wicked devices to destroy the meek with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right.

8 *But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and in liberal things shall he continue.*

EIGHTY-THIRD SELECTION.

Unto us a Child is born.

Isa. **9** The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 *Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased their joy:*

They joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 *For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as in the day of Midian.*

5 For all the armor of the armed man in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, shall even be for burning, for fuel of fire.

6 *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:*

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 *Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end,*

Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with judgment and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts shall perform this.

Isa. **42** Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen, in whom my soul delighteth:

I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3 *A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment in truth.*

4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his law.

5 *Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them forth;*

He that spread abroad the earth and that which cometh out of it;

He that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

6 I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

7 *To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.*

8 I am the Lord; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise unto graven images.

9 *Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.*

EIGHTY-FOURTH SELECTION.

The Coming of the King.

Mal. 3 Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple;

And the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in, behold, he cometh, saith the Lord of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth?

For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,

3 And he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver; and they shall offer unto the Lord offerings in righteousness.

4 *Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years.*

5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers:

And against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

6 For I the Lord change not;
Therefore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

Luke 3 The word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

3 And he came into all the region round about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins;

4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,
The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make ye ready the way of the Lord,
Make his paths straight.
5 Every valley shall be filled,
And every mountain and hill shall be brought low;
And the crooked shall become straight,
And the rough ways smooth;
6 *And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

Luke 4 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and a fame went out concerning him through all the region round about.

15 *And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.*

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read.

17 *And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor:

He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised,
19 *To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*
20 And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him.
21 *And he began to say unto them, To-day hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears.*

EIGHTY-FIFTH SELECTION.

Good Tidings.

Is. 40 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
2 *Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned; that she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.*
3 The voice of one that crieth, Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a high way for our God.
4 *Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:*
5 And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
6 The voice of one saying, Cry. And one said, What shall I cry?
All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:
7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the breath of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.
8 *The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.*
9 O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain:

O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid;
Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold, your God!
10 *Behold, the Lord God will come as a mighty one, and his arm shall rule for him:*
Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompence before him.
11 *He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that give suck.*

Is. 35 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
2 *It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing;*
The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon:
They shall see the glory of the Lord, the excellency of our God.
3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.
4 *Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompence of God; he will come and save you.*
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
6 *Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing:*
For in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.
7 *And the glowing sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water:*
In the habitation of jackals, where they lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.
8 *And an high way shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wafaring men, yea fools, shall not err therein.*

9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up thereon, they shall not be found there;

But the redeemed shall walk there:

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads:

They shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

EIGHTY-SIXTH SELECTION.

Glory of the Universal Kingdom.

Is. 60 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

2 *For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*

3 And nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4 *Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: they all gather themselves together, they come to thee:*

Thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be carried in the arms.

5 *Then thou shalt see and be lightened, and thine heart shall tremble and be enlarged;*

Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned unto thee, the wealth of the nations shall come unto thee.

6 *The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; they all shall come from Sheba:*

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

7 *All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee:*

They shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

8 *Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?*

9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them,

For the name of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

10 And strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee.

11 *Thy gates also shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and their kings led with them.*

12 For that nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

13 *The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine, and the box tree together; to beautify the place of my sanctuary,*

And I will make the place of my feet glorious.

14 *And the sons of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee;*

And all they that despise thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet;

And they shall call thee The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

16 *Thou shalt also suck the milk of the nations, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy saviour, and thy redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.*

17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron:

I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, desolation nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

19 *The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee:*

But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

20 *Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself:*

For the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21 *Thy people also shall be all righteous, they shall inherit the land for ever; the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.*

22 The little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation:

I the Lord will hasten it in its time.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SELECTION.

The Lamb exalted.

Rev. 5 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back, close sealed with seven seals.

2 *And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*

3 And no one in the heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look thereon.

4 *And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look thereon:*

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath overcome, to open the book and the seven seals thereof.

6 *And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain,*

Having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth.

7 *And he came, and he taketh it out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne.*

8 And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 *And they sing a new song, saying, Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof:*

10 For thou wast slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood men of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and madest them to be unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they reign upon the earth.

11 *And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders:*

12 And the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a great voice,

Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things that are in them, heard I saying,

Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, be the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever.

14 And the four living creatures said, Amen.

And the elders fell down and worshipped.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SELECTION.

The Kingdom come.

Rev. 7 After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation, and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands; and they cry with a great voice, saying,

10 *Salvation unto our God which sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.*

11 And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and about the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying,

12 *Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.*

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These which are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they? And I say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me,

14 *These are they which come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple:

And he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat:

17 *For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

Rev. 11 And the seventh angel sounded; and there followed great voices in heaven, and they said,

The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sit before God on their thrones, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying,

17 *We give thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, which art and which wast; because thou hast taken thy great power, and didst reign.*

GENERAL PRAISE.

EIGHTY-NINTH SELECTION.

God in Zion.

Ps. 24 The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
2 *For he hath founded it upon the seas,*
And established it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
4 *He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;*
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
And hath not sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 *This is the generation of them that seek after him,*
That seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory shall come in.
8 *Who is the King of glory?*
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.
9 *Lift up your heads, O ye gates;*
Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory shall come in.
10 *Who is this King of glory?*
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory.

Ps. 87 *His foundation is in the holy mountains.*
2 *The Lord loveth the gates of Zion*
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of thee,
O city of God.
4 *I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon as among them that know me:*

Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia;
This one was born there.
5 *Yea, of Zion it shall be said, This one and that one was born in her;*
And the Most High himself shall establish her.
6 The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the peoples,
This one was born there.
7 *They that sing as well as they that dance shall say,*
All my fountains are in thee.

Ps. 95 O come, let us sing unto the Lord:
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
2 *Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,*
Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.
4 *In his hand are the deep places of the earth;*
The heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it;
And his hands formed the dry land.
6 *O come, let us worship and bow down;*
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker:
7 For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
To-day, Oh that ye would hear his voice!
8 *Harden not your heart, as at Meribah,*
As in the day of Massah in the wilderness:
9 *When your fathers tempted me,*
Proved me, and saw my work.
10 Forty years long was I grieved with that generation,
And said, It is a people that do err in their heart,
And they have not known my ways:
11 *Wherefore I sware in my wrath,*
That they should not enter into my rest.

NINETIETH SELECTION.

God's Universal Sway.

Ps. **47** O clap your hands, all ye peoples;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
2 *For the Lord Most High is terrible;*
He is a great King over all the earth.
3 He shall subdue the peoples under us,
And the nations under our feet.
4 *He shall choose our inheritance for us,*
The excellency of Jacob whom he loved.
5 God is gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
6 *Sing praises to God, sing praises:*
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
7 For God is the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises with understanding.
8 *God reigneth over the nations:*
God sitteth upon his holy throne.
9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together
To be the people of the God of Abraham:
For the shields of the earth belong unto God;
He is greatly exalted.

Ps. **96** O sing unto the Lord a new song:
Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
2 *Sing unto the Lord, bless his name;*
Show forth his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvellous works among all the peoples.
4 *For great is the Lord, and highly to be praised:*
He is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are idōls:
But the Lord made the heavens.
6 *Honor and majesty are before him:*
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
7 Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the peoples,
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.
8 *Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name:*
Bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Tremble before him, all the earth.
10 *Say among the nations, The Lord reigneth:*
The world also is stablished that it cannot be moved:
He shall judge the peoples with equity.
11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
12 *Let the field exult, and all that is therein;*
Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy;
13 Before the Lord, for he cometh;
For he cometh to judge the earth:
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with his truth.

NINETY-FIRST SELECTION.

The Lord our God is Holy.

Ps. 99 The Lord reigneth; let the peoples tremble:
He sitteth upon the cherubim; let the earth be moved.
2 *The Lord is great in Zion;*
And he is high above all the peoples.
3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name:
Holy is he.

4 The king's strength also loveth judgment;
Thou dost establish equity,
Thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
5 Exalt ye the Lord our God,
And worship at his footstool:
Holy is he.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
And Samuel among them that call upon his name;
They called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
7 *He spake unto them in the pillar of cloud:*
They kept his testimonies, and the statute that he gave them.
8 *Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God:*
Thou wast a God that forgavest them,
Though thou tookest vengeance of their doings.

9 Exalt ye the Lord our God,
And worship at his holy hill;
For the Lord our God is holy.

Ps. 98 O sing unto the Lord a new song;
For he hath done marvellous things:
His right hand, and his holy arm, hath wrought salvation for him.
2 *The Lord hath made known his salvation:*
His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the nations.
3 He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel:
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
4 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth:
Break forth and sing for joy, yea, sing praises.
5 *Sing praises unto the Lord with the harp;*
With the harp and the voice of melody.
6 With trumpets and sound of cornet
Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
7 *Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;*
The world, and they that dwell therein;
8 Let the floods clap their hands;
Let the hills sing for joy together;
9 *Before the Lord, for he cometh to judge the earth:*
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with equity.

NINETY-SECOND SELECTION.

I will pay Thee my Vows.

Ps. 66 Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth:
2 Sing forth the glory of his name:
Make his praise glorious.
3 *Say unto God, How terrible are thy works!*
Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.
4 All the earth shall worship thee,
And shall sing unto thee;
They shall sing to thy name.

5 *Come, and see the works of God;*
He is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.
6 He turned the sea into dry land:
They went through the river on foot:
There did we rejoice in him.
7 *He ruleth by his might for ever;*
His eyes observe the nations:
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
8 O bless our God, ye peoples,
And make the voice of his praise to be heard:
9 *Which holdeth our soul in life,*
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.
10 For thou, O God, hast proved us:
Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
11 *Thou broughtest us into the net;*
Thou layedst a sore burden upon our loins.
12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads;
We went through fire and through water;
But thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
13 I will come into thy house with burnt offerings,
I will pay thee my vows,
14 Which my lips have uttered,
And my mouth hath spoken, when I was in distress.
15 *I will offer unto thee burnt offerings of fatlings,*
With the incense of rams;
I will offer bullocks with goats.
16 Come, and hear, all ye that fear God,
And I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
17 *I cried unto him with my mouth,*
And he was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear:
19 But verily God hath heard;
He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 *Blessed be God,*
Which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

NINETY-THIRD SELECTION.

Greatness and Goodness of God.

Ps. 145 I will extol thee, my God, O King;
And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
2 *Every day will I bless thee;*
And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
3 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised;
And his greatness is unsearchable.
4 *One generation shall laud thy works to another,*
And shall declare thy mighty acts.
5 Of the glorious majesty of thine honor,
And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate.
6 *And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts;*
And I will declare thy greatness.
7 They shall utter the memory of thy great goodness,
And shall sing of thy righteousness.
8 *The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion;*
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
9 The Lord is good to all;
And his tender mercies are over all his works.
10 *All thy works shall give thanks unto thee, O Lord;*
And thy saints shall bless thee.
11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,
And talk of thy power;
12 *To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,*
And the glory of the majesty of his kingdom.
13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
14 *The Lord upholdeth all that fall,*
And raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon thee;
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
16 *Thou openest thine hand,*
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways,
And gracious in all his works.

18 *The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him,*
To all that call upon him in truth.
19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him;
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
20 *The Lord preserveth all them that love him;*
But all the wicked will he destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Ps. **150** Praise ye the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary:
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him for his mighty acts:
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:
Praise him with the psaltery and harp.
4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance:
Praise him with stringed instruments and the pipe.
5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals:
Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord.

NINETY-FOURTH SELECTION.

By the United Assembly of the Saints.

Ps. **133** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
2 *It is like the precious oil upon the head,*
That ran down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard;
That came down upon the skirt of his garments;
3 Like the dew of Hermon,
That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion:
For there the Lord commanded the blessing,
Even life for evermore.

Ps. 146 Praise ye the Lord.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.
2 *While I live will I praise the Lord:*
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
3 Put not your trust in princes,
Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
4 *His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth;*
In that very day his thoughts perish.
5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the Lord his God:
6 *Which made heaven and earth,*
The sea, and all that in them is:
Which keepeth truth for ever:
7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed;
Which giveth food to the hungry:
The Lord looseth the prisoners;
8 *The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind;*
The Lord raiseth up them that are bowed down;
The Lord loveth the righteous;
9 *The Lord preserveth the strangers;*
He upholdeth the fatherless and widow;
But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
10 *The Lord shall reign for ever,*
Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
Praise ye the Lord.

Ps. 149 Praise ye the Lord.
Sing unto the Lord a new song,
And his praise in the assembly of the saints.
2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 *Let them praise his name in the dance:*
Let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
4 For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people:
He will beautify the meek with salvation.
Praise ye the Lord.

NINETY-FIFTH SELECTION.

Universal Call to Praise.

Ps. 147 Praise ye the Lord;
For it is good to sing praises unto our God;
For it is pleasant, and praise is comely.
2 *The Lord doth build up Jerusalem;*
He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
3 He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their wounds.
4 *He telleth the number of the stars;*
He giveth them all their names.
5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;
His understanding is infinite.
6 *The Lord upholdeth the meek:*
He bringeth the wicked down to the ground.
7 Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving;
Sing praises upon the harp unto our God:
8 *Who covereth the heaven with clouds,*
Who prepareth rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
9 He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.
10 *He delighteth not in the strength of the horse:*
He taketh no pleasure in the legs of a man.
11 The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him,
In those that hope in his mercy.
12 *Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem;*
Praise thy God, O Zion.
13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates;
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
14 *He maketh peace in thy borders;*
He filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
15 He sendeth out his commandment upon earth;
His word runneth very swiftly.
16 *He giveth snow like wool;*
He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.
17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels:
Who can stand before his cold?

18 *He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:*
He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
19 He showeth his word unto Jacob,
His statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
20 *He hath not dealt so with any nation:*
And as for his judgments, they have not known them.
Praise ye the Lord.

Ps. 148 Praise ye the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord from the heavens:
Praise him in the heights.
2 *Praise ye him, all his angels:*
Praise ye him, all his host.
3 Praise ye him, sun and moon:
Praise him, all ye stars of light.
4 *Praise him, ye heavens of heavens,*
And ye waters that be above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
For he commanded, and they were created.
6 *He hath also stablished them for ever and ever:*
He hath made a decree which shall not pass away.
7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
Ye dragons, and all deeps:
8 *Fire and hail, snow and vapor;*
Stormy wind, fulfilling his word:
9 Mountains and all hills;
Fruitful trees and all cedars:
10 *Beasts and all cattle;*
Creeping things and flying fowl:
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples;
Princes and all judges of the earth:
12 *Both young men and maidens;*
Old men and children:
13 Let them praise the name of the Lord;
For his name alone is exalted:
His glory is above the earth and heaven.
14 *And he hath lifted up the horn of his people,*
The praise of all his saints;
Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him.
Praise ye the Lord.

NINETY-SIXTH SELECTION.

For Ordinations and Dedications.

Ps. **122** I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go unto the house of the Lord.
2 *Our feet are standing*
Within thy gates, O Jerusalem;
3 Jerusalem, that art builded
As a city that is compact together:
4 *Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord,*
For a testimony unto Israel,
To give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
5 For there are set thrones for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.
6 *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:*
They shall prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace be within thee.
9 *For the sake of the house of the Lord our God*
I will seek thy good.

Ps. **132** Lord, remember for David
All his affliction;
2 *How he sware unto the Lord,*
And vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob:
3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house,
Nor go up into my bed;
4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Or slumber to mine eyelids;
5 Until I find out a place for the Lord,
A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.
6 *Lo, we heard of it in Ephrathah:*
We found it in the field of the wood.
7 *We will go into his tabernacles;*
We will worship at his footstool.
8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting place;
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let thy saints shout for joy.
10 *For thy servant David's sake*
Turn not away the face of thine anointed.
11 The Lord hath sworn unto David in truth;
He will not turn from it:
Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
12 *If thy children will keep my covenant*
And my testimony that I shall teach them,
Their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.
13 For the Lord hath chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for his habitation.
14 *This is my resting place for ever:*
Here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provision:
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 *Her priests also will I clothe with salvation:*
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
17 There will I make the horn of David to bud:
I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
18 *His enemies will I clothe with shame:*
But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Ps. 100 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
2 Serve the Lord with gladness:
Come before his presence with singing.
3 *Know ye that the Lord he is God:*
It is he that hath made us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise:
Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.
5 *For the Lord is good; his mercy endureth for ever;*
And his faithfulness unto all generations.

NINETY-SEVENTH SELECTION.

The Ten Commandments.

In place of the congregation the choir can render the responses if thought best. In this way the Ten Commandments may be introduced as an antiphon in the evening service.

God spake these words, and said; I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and show mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his name in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Then the Minister may say,

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

NINETY-EIGHTH SELECTION.

The Beatitudes.

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain: and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit:

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn:
For they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek:
For they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness:
For they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful:
For they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart:
For they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers:
For they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

We praise thee, O God;
We acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee,
The Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud;
The heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubim, and seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
The Father, of an infinite majesty;
Thine adorable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
Thou didst humble thyself to be born of a virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God,
In the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
In glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.
Govern them, and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
And we worship thy name ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Musical Selections.

OBSERVATIONS.

The following list of Musical Selections is divided under separate heads for convenience of reference. Numbers are assigned in order that the selections to be used in any given service may be made known to the congregation by posting or otherwise. In posting, abbreviations may be found convenient, as follows: C. C. for Choir Call; Resp. for Response; Anth. for Anthem; P. Anth. for Passion Anthem; Eu. Anth. for Eucharistic Anthem; Antiph. for Antiphon.

The musical references which follow the texts are for the aid of choristers and ministers. The sources from which music may be obtained follow the names of musical composers. In order to meet the requirements of different choirs several musical references have often been given for the same text, and with the same purpose a great variety of selections has been given. The degree of difficulty presented by the music is in each instance indicated by one or more stars. A single star signifies the simplest order of music, suited to choirs of but moderate training. Two stars indicate a medium grade, and three stars represent music of considerable difficulty. In order to avoid too great expense in purchasing music numerous references have been made to single works, where this was practicable.

All the compositions of Professor B. C. Blodgett here referred to are in course of publication by Arthur P. Schmidt, Boston, Mass.

A Collection of Choir Calls to Worship for Mixed Voices.

1 ** Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty,
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name;
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The Lord sitteth upon the flood;
Yea, the Lord sitteth King forever.
The Lord will give strength unto his people;
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Psalm 29: 1, 2, 10, 11. Chant by J. Q. Wetherbee.

2 ** Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits,
Even the God of our salvation.

He that is our God is the God of salvation;
And unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.
Psalm 68: 19, 20. Chorus from Costa's Eli.

3 ** O come, let us sing unto the Lord:
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
And make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker:
For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Psalm 95: 1, 2, 6, 7. Quartette and chorus by B. C. Blodgett.

4 ** O sing unto the Lord a new song;
For he hath done marvellous things:
His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.
The Lord hath made known his salvation:
His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel:
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Psalm 98: 1, 2, 3. ** Antiphonal Chant, by W. Alpers, in the Beethoven Collection; also, * Unison Chorus, by Sir John Goss. Novello, Ewer & Co., Pub.

5 ** O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
Psalm 107: 1. Second part of Anthem, "This is the Day." James Turle. Novello, Ewer & Co., Pub.

6 * O praise the Lord, all ye nations;
Praise him, all ye people.
For his merciful kindness is great toward us;
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.
Praise ye the Lord.
Psalm 117: Earl of Wilton in Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874-1877.

7 * Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.

Lloyd Fowle, in Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874–1877.

8 *** Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

Psalm 103: 1, 2, 3, 4. B. C. Blodgett.

9 * O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is gracious;
And his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 107: 1. W. H. Gladstone, in Anthem, "Gracious and righteous is the Lord." Parish Choir Anthems, page 37.

10 ** O praise God in his holiness:
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts:
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
Praise him upon the lute and harp.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Psalm 150: 1, 2, 3, 6. Chant by S. P. Tuckerman. National Lyre, page 156; also, * *Psalm* 150: 1. First part of Anthem by Berthold Tours. Novello, Ewer & Co., Pub.

11 ** Blessing, glory, wisdom, and thanks, honor, power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.

Rev. 7: 12. First part of Anthem by Berthold Tours. Novello, Ewer & Co., Pub.

12 *** Blessing, honor, glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for evermore.

Rev. 5: 13. First part of Eucharistic Anthem. B. C. Blodgett.

13 * Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and

priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever. Amen.

Rev. 1: 5, 6. G. F. Root, in Choir and Congregation. John Church & Co., Pub.

14 * O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Fear before him, all the earth.

Psalm 96: 9. G. F. Root. Ibid.

15 * O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Psalm 95: 6. J. R. Murray. Ibid.

16 * O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Psalm 107: 8. G. F. Root. Ibid.

17 * O Israel, trust thou in the Lord:
He is their help and their shield.
O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord:
He is their help and their shield.
Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord:
He is their help and their shield.
The Lord hath been mindful of us;
He will bless us:
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.

Psalm 115: 9, 10, 11, 12. G. J. Webb. Ibid.

18 * Wait on the Lord:
Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart:
Wait, I say, on the Lord.

Psalm 27: 14. G. F. Root. Ibid.

19 ** O put your trust in him alway, ye people;
Pour out your hearts before him:
For God is our hope.

Psalm 62: 8. From Anthem, "My soul, wait thou still upon the Lord." F. J. Read. Novello, Ewer & Co.

20 * O put your trust in him alway, ye people;
Pour out your hearts before him:
For God is our hope.

Psalm 62: 8. Third section of Anthem, "I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord," by E. J. Hopkins. Novello, Ewer & Co.; also, same text, F. J. Read. Novello, Ewer & Co.

21 * Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
And blessed be the name of his majesty for ever and ever.

Psalm 72: 18, 19. Closing section of Anthem, "Sing to the Lord," by H. Smart. Novello, Ewer & Co.

22 ** O love the Lord, all ye his saints:
For the Lord preserveth them that are faithful;
And plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.
Be strong, and he shall establish your heart,
All ye that trust in the Lord.

Psalm 31: 23, 24. A. S. Sullivan. Novello, Ewer & Co.

A Collection of Choir Calls to Worship for Male Voices.

23 ** O come, let us sing unto the Lord:
Let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
And make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
Psalm 95: 1, 2. B. C. Blodgett.

24 * O sing unto the Lord a new song;
For he hath done marvellous things:
His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.
The Lord hath made known his salvation:
His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel:
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Psalm 98: 1, 2, 3. Chant by H. M. Dow, in Dow's Sacred Quartette for Male Voices.

25 * Praise the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thy sin;
And healeth all thine infirmities;
Who saveth thy life from destruction;
And crowneth thee with mercy and lovingkindness.
Psalm 103: 1, 2, 3, 4. Chant by H. M. Dow, in Dow's Sacred Quartette for Male Voices.

26 ** O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
Psalm 107: 1. [No. 1.] B. C. Blodgett.

27 ** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:
For praise is comely for the upright.

Praise the Lord with harp:
Sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.
Sing unto him a new song;
Play skilfully with a loud noise.
For the word of the Lord is right;
And all his works are done in truth.

Psalm 33: 1, 2, 3, 4. B. C. Blodgett.

28 * O bless our God, ye people,
And make the voice of his praise to be heard:
Which holdeth our soul in life,
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.

Psalm 66: 8, 9. Duo for Bass and Tenor. B. C. Blodgett.

29 *** O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Tenor solo from Psalm 95, by Mendelssohn.

30 * O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95: 6, 7. B. C. Blodgett.

31 ** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Let the whole earth stand in awe of him;
For he cometh to judge the earth:
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the people with his truth.

Psalm 96: 9, 13. B. C. Blodgett.

32 ** O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

Psalm 107: 1, 2. [No. 2.] B. C. Blodgett.

33 ** Bless the Lord, O house of Israel:
Bless the Lord, O house of Aaron:
Bless the Lord, O house of Levi:

Ye that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.
Blessed be the Lord out of Zion,
Which dwelleth at Jerusalem.
Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 135: 19, 20, 21. B. C. Blodgett.

34 ** Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.
While I live will I praise the Lord:
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
Put not your trust in princes,
Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Psalm 146: 1, 2, 3, 5. Trio, by B. C. Blodgett.

35 * Praise ye the Lord.
Sing unto the Lord a new song,
And his praise in the congregation of saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people:
He will beautify the meek with salvation.

Psalm 149: 1, 2, 4. Antiphonal Chant, by B. C. Blodgett.

36 ** We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb. 4: 15, 16. For Communion Service. B. C. Blodgett.

37 *** Blessing, honor, glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for evermore.

Rev. 5: 13. B. C. Blodgett.

38 ** All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessed One.

For Communion or Palm Sunday. R. Schumann. J. M. Russell, Boston, Pub.

39 ** O render thanks to God above,
The fountain of o'erflowing love;
Whose mercy firm, through ages past,
Hath stood, and shall forever last.

Who can his mighty deeds express,
Not only vast, but numberless?
What mortal eloquence can raise
His tribute of immortal praise?

G. Merkel. J. M. Russell, Boston, Pub.

40 ** Sing praises to God, sing praises:
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises with understanding.
The princes of the people are gathered together,
Even the people of the God of Abraham:
For the shields of the earth belong unto God;
He is greatly exalted.

Psalm 47: 6, 7, 9. B. C. Blodgett.

41 ** Ascribe ye strength unto the God of Israel!
The God of Israel is he who giveth strength unto his people. Blessed be God!

Psalm 68: 34, 35. B. C. Blodgett.

A Collection of Responses for Morning and Evening Service for Mixed Voices.

1 * Gloria Tibi. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Two versions, by H. W. Greatorex, in Greatorex's Collection of Church Music, page 178.

2 Gloria Patri. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Four anthems by H. W. Greatorex, in Greatorex's Collection, etc., pages 146-149. * First and fourth versions. ** Second and third versions.

3 * The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Heb. 2: 20. H. W. Greatorex, in Great. Col., etc., page 211.

* Same text.

B. C. Blodgett.

4 * Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be alway acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm 19: 14. H. W. Greatorex, in Great. Col., etc., page 212.

* Same text.

G. F. Root, in Choir and Congregation.

5 ** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O Lord,
Thou wilt not despise.

Psalm 51: 17. H. W. Greatorex, in Great. Col., etc., page 213.

6 * Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Joel 2: 13. H. W. Greatorex, in Great. Col., etc., page 214.

7 ** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to

forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1: 8, 9. H. W. Greatorex, in Great. Col., etc., page 216.

8 ** Repent ye, repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

H. W. Greatorex, in Great. Col., etc., page 215.

9 * O Lord, my God, hear thou the prayer thy servant prayeth: have thou respect unto his prayer.

Hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling-place, and when thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

C. Malon, in Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874-1877, page 5.

10 * Hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; hide not thyself from my petition.

Incline thine ear to me, O Lord, when I cry, and answer me speedily.

C. L. Hutchins, in Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874-1877, page 8.

11 * Grant we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace.

That they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[May be divided into two responses.] Arthur Paige, in Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874-1877, page 52.

12 ** Turn thy face from my sins,
And put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Psalm 51: 9, 10, 11. Thomas Attwood, in Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874-1877, page 56.

13 * Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
According as we hope in thee.

Psalm 33: 22. Haydn, in Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874-1877, page 86.

14 * Kyrie Eleeson. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Two versions, by H. W. Greatorex, in Great. Col., etc., pp. 176, 177.

15 ** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart, O God,
Thou wilt not despise.

Psalm 51: 17. S. P. Tuckerman, in National Lyre, p. 124.

* The same text.

J. Baptiste Calkins. Opus 47, No. 1. Published in Musical Times, Oct. 1, 1881, by Novello, Ewer & Co.

16 ** Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.
He will never suffer the righteous to fall.
He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great,
And far above the heavens;
Let none be made ashamed
That wait upon thee.

Mendelssohn, in Oratorio of Elijah.

17 * Gracious Father, O Lord, hear us!
When we call upon thee, O Lord, hear us!
Send down thy love, O Lord, upon us,
Merciful Father, hear us!

Beethoven, in National Lyre, p. 123.

18 * God who cannot be unjust
Heedeth all who in him trust;
Those who call on him for aid
Angels shall not make afraid.

M. Costa, in Oratorio of Eli.

19 * Accept, I beseech thee, O Lord, the free will offering of my mouth,
And teach me thy righteous judgments.

Psalm 119: 108. G. F. Root, in Choir and Congregation. John Church & Co., Cincinnati, Pub.

20 * Search me, O God, and know my heart:
And see if there be any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139: 23, 24. G. F. Root. Ibid.

21 * Hear our prayer to heaven ascending,
Hear and answer from above.
O may thy Spirit now descending,
Fill us with thy holy love.

Beethoven's Vesper Hymn. Ibid.

22 * High in thy glory, Father Almighty,
Hear our petition while humbly we call.
Great is thy mercy, tender thy pity,
Wondrous the love that enfoldeth us all.

Hear us, O Saviour, hear, O Redeemer,
Hear us, O Maker and Monarch of all.
High in thy glory, Father Almighty,
Hear us, thy children, while humbly we call.

Air from Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. Ibid.

23 * If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us,

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 *John* 1: 8, 9. J. Baptiste Calkins. Opus 47, No. 2. Musical Times, Oct. 1, 1881. Novello, Ewer & Co.

24 * To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us.

Daniel 9: 9, 10. J. Baptiste Calkins. Opus 47, No. 3. Ibid.

25 ** Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.

George Rayleigh Vicars, in Musical Times, August 1, 1881. Published as above.

26 * Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion:
And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
O thou that hearest prayer,
Unto thee shall all flesh come.

Psalm 65: 1, 2. B. C. Blodgett.

27 * Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Eph. 3: 20, 21. B. C. Blodgett.

28 * And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Rev. 22: 17. (For Communion Services.) B. C. Blodgett.

A Collection of Responses for Morning and Evening Service for Male Voices.

29 ** Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my thoughts;
And see if there be any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139: 23. B. C. Blodgett.

30 ** God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4: 24. B. C. Blodgett.

31 ** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm 19: 14. B. C. Blodgett.

32 * Heavenly Father, graciously hear us,
Hear the petitions we offer before thee;
Let thy mercy rest upon us,
Heavenly Father, graciously hear us,
Hear our prayer.

Beethoven, in Dow's Collection, page 100.

33 * More love, O God, to thee,
More love to thee.
Hear thou the prayer I raise
On bended knee;
This is my earnest plea, —
More love, O God, to thee,
More love to thee!

E. H. Bailey, in Union Hymnal, page 95.

34 * Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek, —
Give what is best;
This all my prayer shall be, —
More love, O God, to thee,
More love to thee!

E. H. Bailey, in Union Hymnal.

35 * Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
Make me to walk in the way of thy commandments,
For ever and for evermore.

Mozart, in Dow's Collection, page 101.

36 ** Father, hear thy children
From thy throne above;
Grant to us thy blessing,
Fill us with thy love.

In the hour of darkness
O be thou our light;
And in strife with evil
Gird us with thy might.

J. Barnby, in Dow's Collection, page 175.

37 ** High roll the billows with clamor and strife,
Be not afraid; the Lord is thy life;
No stars are stirring, and endless the night,
Be not afraid; the Lord is thy light.

E. Fr. Richter. Russell Bros., Boston, Pub.

38 * Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he will sustain thee and comfort thee.

G. F. Root, in Choir and Congregation.

39 * The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

B. C. Blodgett. (Bass solo.)

40 ** Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me;
For I am poor and needy.
Preserve my soul; for I am holy;
O Lord my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

B. C. Blodgett. (Bass solo.)

41 ** In heavenly love abiding
No change my heart shall fear.

B. C. Blodgett. (Bass solo, with Choir accompaniment.)

A Collection of Anthems and Chants for Morning and Evening Service for Male and Mixed Voices.

The texts of the following Anthems and Chants are given in full in both orders of Morning Service.

1 Venite, Exultemus Domino. O come, let us sing unto the Lord.

- * Mixed Voices. Seven different chants in Greatorex's Collection of Church Music, pp. 144, 145.
- * Male Voices. Chant by H. M. Dow. Dow's Collection, p. 162.
- * Male Voices. Chant by E. H. Bailey. Union Hymnal, p. 34.
- ** Mixed Voices. B. C. Blodgett, in D major.
- ** Male Voices. B. C. Blodgett, in D major.
- *** Mixed Voices. Mozart, in C. Laus Domino, p. 30.

2 Gloria in Excelsis. Glory be to God on high.

- * Mixed Voices. Greatorex's Collection, p. 150; also, p. 152.
- ** Mixed Voices. S. P. Tuckerman, in F major. Novello, Ewer & Co.
- ** Male Voices. L. H. Southard, in C major. Dow's Collection, p. 33.
- *** Male Voices. Vincent Novello, in E major. Laus Domino, p. 48.
- ** Mixed Voices. J. H. Cornell, in F major. The Service Book, p. 111, published by W. W. Huntington, Hartford, Conn.
- * Mixed Voices. Rev. Sir F. A. G. Ouseley. Service Book, published as above.

3 Jubilate Deo. O be joyful in the Lord.

- * Mixed Voices. Seven chants in Greatorex's Collection, pp. 168, 169.
- * Mixed Voices. Anthem by Henry Russell. Laus Domino, p. 36.
- ** Mixed Voices. W. Alpers, in E major. Beethoven Collection, p. 158.
- ** Mixed Voices. Anthem in Greatorex's Collection, p. 170.
- ** Male Voices. Anthem by H. M. Dow, in C major, published by O. Ditson, Boston.

4 Benedictus. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel.

- * Mixed Voices. Seven chants in Greatorex's Collection, pp 174, 175.

** Mixed Voices. Mozart, in E major. Beethoven Collection, p. 164.
** Mixed Voices. Bellini, in B flat. Classical Chorus Book.
** Male Voices. Mozart, in G. Dow's Collection, p. 144.

5 De Profundis. Out of the deep have I called.
* Mixed Voices. E. K. Glesen, in C major. Hymns of the Faith, Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.
* Mixed Voices. J. I. Tucker. The Service Book, p. 72. Huntington, Hartford, Conn.

6 Magnificat. My soul doth magnify the Lord.
* Mixed Voices. S. P. Tuckerman, in F major. Novello, Ewer & Co.
* Mixed Voices. W. Russell. Chant in E. Hymns of the Faith.
* Mixed Voices. Chant by J. Barnby, in E flat. The Service Book, p. 44.
* Mixed Voices. Chant by W. H. Welter, in F. The Service Book, p. 44.

7 Benedictus es, Domine. Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers.
* Mixed Voices. Oxford Chant. Hymns of the Faith.

8 Te Deum. We praise thee, O God.
* Mixed Voices. Greatorex's Collection, p. 156.
** Mixed Voices. Greatorex's Collection, p. 158.
** Mixed Voices. W. Alpers, in A major. Beethoven Collection, p. 149.
*** Mixed Voices B. C. Blodgett, in D minor.
* Male Voices. H. M. Dow. Dow's Collection, p. 76.
* Mixed Voices. J. Barnby, in B flat major. The Service Book, p. 16.
** Mixed Voices. J. H. Cornell, in F. The Service Book, p. 11.

9 Benedicite, omnia opera Domini. O all ye works of the Lord.
* Mixed Voices. Greatorex's Collection, p. 166.
* Mixed Voices. Barnby, Chant in E flat. Hymns of the Faith.
* Mixed Voices. Three Chants, Gregorian tones, 1, 4, and 5. The Service Book, p. 52.
** Mixed Voices. Double Chant, by J. H. Cornell, The Service Book, p. 22.

The texts of the following Anthems and Chants are given in full in some one of the Evening Services

10 Bonum est confiteri. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.

* Mixed Voices. Seven chants in Greatorex's Collection, pp. 182, 183.
* Mixed Voices. Anthem. Ibid. p. 184.
* Mixed Voices. Anthem. V. Novello, Laus Domino, p. 60.
** Mixed Voices. Anthem. Greatorex's Collection, p. 84.
*** Mixed Voices. Himmel's Anthem in A major. Classical Chorus Book.
*** Mixed Voices. J. Barnby, in A major. Novello, Ewer & Co.

11 Dominus regit me. The Lord is my Shepherd.

** Mixed Voices. Greatorex's Collection, p. 217.
** Mixed Voices. James Shaw. Novello, Ewer & Co.
*** Male Voices. Fr. Schubert. Union Hymnal, p. 11.
* Mixed Voices. Gregorian Chant, 1st tone. The Service Book, p. 130.

12 Deus, Deus meus. O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.

** Male Voices. Anthem, by J. E. Gould. Dow's Collection, p. 14.

13 Laudate Dominum. O praise God in his holiness.

* Mixed Voices. Three Chants in Greatorex's Collection, p. 201.
** Mixed Voices. Berthold Tours, in G major. Novello, Ewer & Co.

14 Cantate Domino. O sing unto the Lord a new song.

* Mixed Voices. Greatorex's Collection. Seven chants, pp. 180, 181.
** Mixed Voices. Chant in E flat. W. Alpers. Beethoven Collection, p. 171.
*** Mixed Voices. Anthem by Mozart. Laus Domino, p. 52.
* Male Voices. Unison Anthem in C major. Sir John Goss. Novello, Ewer & Co.
* Male Voices. Chant in F major (Teleman's Chant). Dow's Collection, p. 167.

15 Deus misereatur. God be merciful unto us and bless us.

* Mixed Voices. Greatorex's Collection. Seven chants, pp. 188, 189.

** Mixed Voices. Chevalier Neukomm. Classical Chorus Book. Ditson & Co.

*** Mixed Voices. J. N. Hummel. Laus Domino. S. T. Gordon & Co. New York.

* Male Voices. Responsive Chant in F major, by H. M. Dow. Dow's Collection, p. 169.

16 Benedic, anima mea. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

* Mixed Voices. Greatorex's Collection. Seven chants, pp. 190, 191.

* Mixed Voices. Chant by H. C. Timm. Beethoven Collection, p. 176.

** Mixed Voices. Greatorex's Collection, p. 192.

** Mixed Voices. Anthem in B flat. B. C. Blodgett.

*** Mixed Voices. Anthem in B flat. Dudley Buck. E. Schubert. New York.

17 Nunc dimittis. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.

** Mixed Voices. S. P. Tuckerman, in F major.

* Mixed Voices. Two chants by J. Barnby. The Service Book, p. 45.

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Ascension Anthem.

18 *** King all glorious,
Lord of Hosts, Almighty,
Thou art revealed in victory!
O'er the world of light ascending,
We pray thee, leave us not comfortless,
But send the great Father's promise upon us,
Thy Spirit of Truth.

J. Barnby. Pub. by Novello, Ewer & Co.

19 *** The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in him.

From Sir Michael Costa's Oratorio of Eli.

20 ** God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause his face to shine upon us.

Psalm 67: 1. Ibid.

21 *** Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits,
Even the God of our salvation.

Psalm 68: 19. Ibid.

22 *** God of mercy, God of love, deign to hear thy servant's humble cry;

Hear our prayer and bless us with thy peace, as thou hast promised to all those who call upon thy name!

Tremblingly we call upon thee, knowing our unworthiness;

Hear us, O Almighty God, and grant us peace—regard us now in mercy;—make us strong to cast away and forsake our sins for ever, and give us grace to love thee more from day to day.

From Mass in E, by Weber.

23 *** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

For the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4: 23, 24. From Sternale Bennett's Woman of Samaria.

24 *** Every tear and every sorrow the Lord shall wipe away from thine eyes; nor sin nor death shall there be known.

From Spohr's Last Judgment.

25 *** All ye that cried unto the Lord in distress and deep affliction, he counteth all your sorrows in the time of need. Sing ye praise, give ye thanks, proclaim aloud his goodness.

From Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise. (Tenor or Soprano solo.)

26 *** I waited for the Lord;
He inclined unto me, and heard my complaint.
O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

Ibid. (Duo for two Sopranos, or Soprano and Contralto, with Chorus.)

27 *** Send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me:
And let them bring me to thy holy hill,
O God, then will I go unto thy altar.
On the harp we will praise thee, O Lord our God.
Why, O my soul, art thou sorrowful?
And why cast down within me?
Still trust the lovingkindness of the God of thy strength,
And my tongue yet shall praise him, who hath pleaded my cause.
Lord our God, thou wilt save thine anointed,
Thou wilt hear us from heaven.
Though in chariots some put their faith, our trust is in thee.
They are brought down and fallen,
But the Lord is our helper,
We shall not be afraid.

Gounod, in Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874-1877. Separable into two anthems.

28 *** O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!
Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

B. C. Blodgett. *Psalm* 8: 1, and 103: 13.

29 *** God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in time of trouble.
Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.
There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,
The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God shall help her, and that right early.
The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved:
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 46: 1–7. B. C. Blodgett.

30 ** Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me:
For I am poor and needy.
Preserve my soul; for I am holy:
O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Psalm 86: 1, 2. B. C. Blodgett.

Christmas Anthem.

31 ** All the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God. Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands. Come, ye Gentiles, and adore the Lord. Alleluia! For this day a great light hath come down upon the earth. Alleluia!

J. L. Hatton. Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874–1877.

Easter Anthem.

32 ** He is risen! Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Henry Gadsby. Ibid.

33 ** Like as the hart desireth the water brooks,
So longeth my soul after thee, O God.
Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul?
And why art thou so disquieted within me?
O put thy trust in God.

Psalm 42: 1, 5. Separable into two anthems. Vincent Novello. Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874–1877.

Christmas Anthem.

34 ** Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for lo, I come, saith the Lord, and I will dwell in the midst of thee. Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord, for he is raised up out of his holy habitation. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Ibid.

Thanksgiving Day.

35 ** Thou crownest the year with thy goodness;
And thy clouds drop fatness.
They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness;
And the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
The folds shall be full of sheep;
The valleys also shall stand so thick with corn,
That they shall laugh and sing.

Psalm 65: 11, 12, 13. Thomas Smith. Ibid.

Christmas Anthem.

36 ** 1 Cradled all lowly,
Behold the Saviour Child,
A being holy,
In dwelling rude and wild!

2 Ne'er yet was regal state,
Of monarch proud and great,
Who grasped a nation's fate,
So glorious as the manger bed of Bethlehem.

3 No longer sorrow
As without hope, O earth!
A brighter morrow
Dawned with that infant's birth.

4 Our sins were great and sore,
But these the Saviour bore,
And God was wroth no more,
His own Son was the child that lay in Bethlehem.

5 Babe weak and wailing,
In lowly village stall,
Thy glory veiling,
Thou cam'st to die for all.

6 The sacrifice is done,
The world's atonement won,
Till time its course hath run.
O Jesus, Saviour! Morning Star of Bethlehem! Halleluia!

Charles Gounod. Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874-1877.

37 ** Jesus said to his disciples, The bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth light unto the world.

Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6: 33, 34, 35. John Stainer. Ibid.

38 ** As pants the hart for cooling streams,
When heated in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for thee,
And thy refreshing grace.

For thee, my God, the living God,
My thirsty soul doth pine;
O when shall I behold thy face,
Thou majesty divine.

Ludwig Spohr. Ibid.

39 ** Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will

teach us his ways, we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Mic. 4: 2. W. A. Barrett. Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874–1877.

Ascension Anthem.

40 * Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is the King of Glory?
It is the Lord strong and mighty,
Even the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of Glory shall come in.

Psalm 24: 7, 8, 9. Dr. Turner. Ibid.

Ascension Anthem.

41 * Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Henry Lahee. Ibid.

42 * Praised be the Lord daily,
Even the God who helpeth us,
And poureth his benefits upon us.
He is our God, of whom cometh salvation.
God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

Psalm 68: 19, 20. Thomas Ebdon. Ibid.

Palm Sunday.

43 * Blessed, is he who cometh in the name of the Lord; hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Mat. 21: 9. Alfred King. Ibid.

Christmas Anthem.

44 * Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you this day is born in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2: 10, 11. W. H. Gill. Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874-1877.

Easter Anthem.

45 * Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6: 9, 10, 11. W. H. Gill Ibid.

* Same text. G. J. Elvey. Ibid.

46 * Gracious and righteous is the Lord;
Therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment;
And such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

Psalm 25: 8, 9.

O give thanks unto the Lord; he is gracious:
And his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 136: 1. W. H. Gladstone. Ibid.

Easter Anthem.

47 * Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia, alleluia.

1 *Cor.* 15: 20, 21, 22. Thomas Smith. Ibid.

Christmas Anthem.

48 * Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, God with us.

Is. 7: 14.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia. Amen.

Is. 9: 6. Thomas Smith. Ibid.

49 * Come unto me, all ye that labor.

Alex. S. Cooper. Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874-1877.

50 ** O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints;
For they that fear him lack nothing.
The lions do lack, and suffer hunger;
But they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Psalm 34: 8, 9, 10. Sir John Goss. Novello, Ewer & Co.

Easter Anthem.

51 ** Why seek ye the living among the dead?
He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

Luke 24: 5, 6, 7. A. Alexander. Novello, Ewer & Co.

Funeral Anthem.

52 * I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Rev. 14: 13. J. H. Hopkins. Parish Choir Anthems, page 71.

* Same text.

W. H. Walter. The Service Book, page 69.

Thanksgiving Anthem.

53 ** I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I will speak of all thy marvellous works.
I will be glad and rejoice in thee;
Yea, my songs will I make of thy name, O thou Most Highest.

Psalm 9: 1, 2.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord;
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand,
And fillest all things living with plenteousness.

Psalm 145: 15, 16. May be divided into two anthems. J. Barnby. Novello, Ewer & Co.

54 ** I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills;
From whence cometh my help?
My help cometh from the Lord,
Which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper:
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil;
He shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in,
From this time forth and even for evermore.

Psalm 121. B. C. Blodgett.

55 ** And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart, saith the Lord.

Jer. 29: 13. B. C. Blodgett.

Baptismal Anthem.

56 * Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Mark 10: 14. J. I. Tucker, in The Service Book, page 71. Huntington, Hartford, Conn.

57 ** O how amiable are thy dwellings,
Thou Lord of Hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord;
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be alway praising Thee.

Psalm 84: 1, 2, 4. J. Barnby. Novello, Ewer & Co.

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58 *** Lead, kindly light! amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on;
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead thou me on;
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years.

So long thy power has blessed me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Dudley Buck. Opus 69, No. 5.

59 *** God is great and almighty, and evermore endureth his goodness.
We praise thee, Lord, for thine abounding mercy.
Thy lovingkindness is over all;
Shield us with thy great mercy and guard us in every hour.

Separable into two anthems. S. Jadassohn. Pub. by Novello, Ewer & Co.

60 *** Yet the Lord hath commanded his kindness in the daytime,
In the night did I think of him,
And make my prayer unto the God of my life.
My God, within me is my soul cast down;
Why hast thou thy servant forgotten?

Mendelssohn's Forty-second Psalm. (With Soprano obligato.)

61 *** The Lord is my strength and song;
And is become my salvation.
The right hand of the Lord is exalted:
The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.
Thou art my God, and I will praise thee:
Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

Psalm 118: 14, 16, 28. B. C. Blodgett.

62 *** O love the Lord, all ye his saints:
For the Lord preserveth the faithful,
And plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.
Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,
All ye that hope in the Lord.

Psalm 31: 23, 24. Separable into two anthems. B. C. Blodgett.

63 ** O come, let us sing unto the Lord:
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
And make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
O come, let us worship and bow down:
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker:
For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95: 1, 2, 6, 7. B. C. Blodgett.

64 ** God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in time of trouble.
Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

Psalm 46: 1, 2, 3. Ambrose Thomas. Dow's Collection, page 108.

65 ** 1 God is love; his mercy brightens
All the path in which we rove;

Bliss he wakes and woe he lightens;
God is wisdom, God is love.

2 Chance and change are busy ever;
Man decays, and ages move;
But his mercy waneth never;
God is wisdom, God is love.

3 E'en the hour that darkest seemeth,
Will his changeless goodness prove;
From the gloom his brightness streameth;
God is wisdom, God is love.

4 He with earthly cares entwineth
Hope and comfort from above;
Everywhere his glory shineth;
God is wisdom, God is love.

** J. C. Warren, first two verses. Dow's Collection, page 136.
** Dudley Buck, first three verses. Ibid. page 159.

66 ** 1 In heavenly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear,
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here:
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

2 Wherever he may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack;
His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim:
He knows the way he taketh,
And I will walk with him.

3 Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen;

Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where darkest clouds have been:
My hope I cannot measure;
My path to life is free;
My Saviour has my treasure,
And he will walk with me.

** C. Cheney. Dow's Collection, page 157.
* B. C. Blodgett. (Baritone solo with Quartette accompaniment.)

67 ** 1 It is the Lord's own day,
In all the wide expanse
One distant bell alone sounds clear,
And, lingering, fades away.

2 What sacred awe here reigns!
A presence bright, unseen, though felt,
Keels with me here in earnest prayer,
Upon the open plains.

3 What awe here reigns! The heavens far away
So cloudless are, so blue and clear,
As though they were to earth more near.
It is the Lord's own day.

C. Kreutzer. Dow's Collection, page 102.

68 ** O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee:
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee,
In a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;
To see thy power and thy glory,
So as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.
Because thy lovingkindness is better than life;
My lips shall praise thee.
Thus will I bless thee while I live:
I will lift up my hands in thy name.

Psalm 63: 1, 2, 3, 4. J. E. Gould. Ibid. page 14.

69 *** I love the Lord, because he hath heard
My voice, and my supplication;
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
The sorrows of death compassed me,

The pains of hell gat hold upon me:
I found trouble and sorrow.
Then called I upon the name of the Lord;
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
Return unto thy rest, O my soul,
For the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.
Psalm 116: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7. B. C. Blodgett. (Soprano obligato.)

70 *** I love the Lord, because he hath heard
My voice and my supplication.
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
Yea, our God is merciful.
What shall I render unto the Lord
For all his benefits toward me?
I will take the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows unto the Lord,
Now in the presence of all his people.
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows unto the Lord,
Now in the presence of all his people;
In the courts of the Lord's house,
In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
Praise ye the Lord.
Psalm 116: 1, 2, 5, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19. B. C. Blodgett. (Soprano obligato.)

Dedication or Installation.

71 *** Arise, O Lord, into thy rest;
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let thy saints shout for joy.
For the Lord hath chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for his habitation.
This is my rest forever:
Here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provision:
I will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will also clothe her priests with salvation.
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
Psalm 132: 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16. B. C. Blodgett. (Soprano obligato.)

72 ** For his wrath endures but for a moment;
And in his pleasure is life for evermore;
Heaviness may endure for a night,
But in the morning cometh joy.
Psalm 30: 5. For Tenor and Bass, from Anthem, "Be glad O ye Righteous." Henry Smart. Novello, Ewer & Co.

Funeral Anthem.

73 ** Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.
Rev. 14: 13. Mendelssohn. Novello, Ewer & Co.

Funeral Anthem.

74 ** Behold I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
1 *Cor.* 15: 51, 52, 55. J. C. Warren. Dow's Collection, page 142.

75 *** As the hart pants after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
Psalm 42: 1. Charles Gounod. Novello, Ewer & Co.

76 *** O Lord, God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before thee:
Let my prayer come before thee;
Incline thine ear unto my cry;
For my soul is full of troubles;
And my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
Wilt thou show wonders to the dead?
Shall the dead arise and praise thee?
Psalm 88: 1, 2, 3, 10.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.
Let Israel hope in the Lord;
For with the Lord there is mercy,
And with him is plenteous redemption.

Psalm 130: 5, 7. Ernest Ford. Novello, Ewer & Co. (Separable into two anthems.)

77 ** The righteous, living for ever, shall shine as the stars in the firmament. They that serve the Lord with gladness shall be like the stars for ever.

Mendelssohn. Novello, Ewer & Co.

A Collection of Anthems and Chants for the Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Male and Mixed Voices.

The following Musical Selections are specially appropriate in the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

78 Ter Sanctus, or Trisagion. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

* Mixed Voices. H. W. Greatorex, Greatorex's Collection, p. 178.
* Mixed Voices. S. P. Tuckerman, in F major. Novello, Ewer & Co.
** Mixed Voices. M. Hauptmann, in E flat, Op. 15.
*** Mixed Voices. Dr. Crotch, in C major. Novello, Ewer & Co.
** Mixed Voices. J. I. Tucker in A major. The Service Book, p. 110. Huntington, Hartford, Conn.

79 *Passion Anthem.* ** Male Voices.

O head, so full of bruises!
Brow that its life-blood loses!
Oh! great humility!
Across his face are flying
The shadows of the dying:
'T was suffered all for me!

And now he speaks: Oh, hearken,
While clouds all nature darken;
"Lama sabachthani?"
His head is bent, and droopeth!
To such a death he stoopeth!
'T was suffered all for me!

B. C. Blodgett.

80 *Passion Anthem.* ** Mixed Voices.

Hail, thou Head! so bruised and torn,
Pierced with the crown of thorn,
Smitten with the mocking reed,

Wounds that with thy life-blood bleed,
Trickling faint and slow.

S. P. Tuckerman. Novello, Ewer & Co.

81 *Passion Anthem.* ** Mixed Voices.

Word of God incarnate,
Of the blessed virgin Mary born,
On the cross thy sacred body
For us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water
Streaming from thy pierced side;
Feed us with thy body, broken,
Now and in death's agony.
O Jesus, hear us! O Jesus, spare us!
Grant us thy mercy. Amen.

From Ave Verum Corpus. Charles Gounod. Novello, Ewer & Co.

82 *Passion Anthem.* ** Tenor Solo.

Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Lam. 1: 12. Handel's Messiah.

83 ** Tenor Recitative.

Thy rebuke hath broken his heart; he is full of heaviness:
He looked for some to have pity on him, but there was no man;
Neither found he any to comfort him.

Psalm 69: 20. Handel's Messiah.

84 ** Tenor and Bass Recitative.

About the ninth hour, Jesus cried aloud, as if in meeting death he sought the compassionate love of his Father, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? and when he had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit, and all came to an end.

Gounod's Redemption.

85 *Passion Anthem.* * Male Voices.

Near the cross was Mary weeping,
There her mournful station keeping,

Gazing on her dying Son:
There in speechless anguish groaning,
Yearning, trembling, sighing, moaning,
Through her soul the sword had gone!

But we have no need to borrow
Motives from the mother's sorrow,
At our Saviour's cross to mourn.
'T was our sins brought him from heaven,
These the cruel nails had driven:
All his griefs for us were borne.

Stabat Mater of Jacobus de Tode, 1306, translated by Rev. J. W. Alexander.

86 *Passion Anthem.* ** Mixed Voices.

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain;
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour!
'T is I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me thy grace.

B. C. Blodgett.

87 *Passion Anthem.* ** Male Voices.

Same text as above.

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88 *Passion Anthem.* *** Male Voices.

My God, within me is my soul cast down;
Why hast thou thy servant forgotten?

From Mendelssohn's Forty-second Psalm.

89 *Passion Anthem.* De Profundis.
* Mixed Voices. Glesen in C.
* Mixed Voices. Tucker.

90 *Passion Anthem.* Agnus Dei. ** Mixed Voices.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world; grant us thy peace. Amen.

Charles Gounod. Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874–1877.

91 *Eucharistic Anthem.* ** Male Voices.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3: 16. B. C. Blodgett.

92 *Eucharistic Anthem.* *** Male Voices.

O saving Victim, slain for us,
The gates of heaven to us unfold!
Fierce foes are nigh and woes assail;
Grant succor! give us victory.

Charles Gounod, in Union Hymnal, page 84.

93 *Eucharistic Anthem.* ** Mixed Voices.

All glory to the Lamb that died, exalted now at God's right hand, in blessing, and wisdom, and honor, and praise, for ever.

From Spohr's Last Judgment.

94 *Eucharistic Anthem.* *** Mixed Voices.

Blessing, honor, glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever.

Rev. 5: 13. Ibid.

** Mixed Voices. Same text. B. C. Blodgett.
* Mixed Voices. Same text. Mozart. Hutchins' Parish Choir, 1874–1877, page 16.

95 *Eucharistic Anthem.* * Mixed Voices.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Col. 3: 3, 4. B. C. Blodgett.

96 *Eucharistic Anthem.* * Male Voices.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 *John* 4: 10. B. C. Blodgett.

Antiphons.

The following Antiphons are illustrative of that class in which the Minister reads Scripture passages which are responded to by the Choir.

1 Mixed Voices. Theme: The Beatitudes. *Mat.* 5: 3–12.

Minister reads Verse 3.
Choir: Verse 4. Bass solo. Laus Domino, p. 80.
Minister reads Verse 5.
Choir: Verse 6. Soprano solo. Laus Domino, p. 81.
Minister reads Verse 7.
Choir: Verse 8. Chorus. Laus Domino, p. 83.
Minister reads Verse 9.
Choir: Verse 10. Chorus. Laus Domino, p. 85.
Minister reads Verses 11, 12.
Choir: Anthem. Laus Domino, p. 86.

That they may have right to the Tree of Life.

Hymn by Congregation. (Tune, "Coventry.")

My God, my portion and my love,
My everlasting All.

(Verses 1, 5, 6.)

2 Mixed Voices. Theme: Triumph of the Saints in Judgment. *Rev.* 7: 9–17.

Minister reads Verses 9, 10.
Choir:

Praise his awful name, who was, and is, and is to come!
Praise to him who giveth immortality!
All glory and majesty surround his throne.
Worship and adore him! Praise, glory to God!

First strophe of Opening Chorus in Spohr's Last Judgment.

Minister reads Verses 11, 12.
Choir:

All glory to the Lamb that died, exalted now at God's right hand, in blessing, in wisdom, in honor and praise for ever.

Solo and Chorus. Spohr's Last Judgment, No. 8.

Minister reads Verses 13, 14. To the words "And he said unto me."

Choir:

These who passed heavy tribulation have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb;

They stand before God's throne, and serve him day and night.

And the Lamb shall lead them to fountains of living waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Soprano or Tenor recitative in No. 11 of Spohr's Last Judgment.

Minister reads Verses 15, 16, 17.

Choir:

Yes, every tear and every sorrow he shall wipe away from their eyes.

Nor sin, nor death, nor pain, nor sorrow shall there be known.

He is our God, and we are his people.

Hail! Our Redeemer, Hail!

Quartette No. 12, Spohr's Last Judgment.

Hymn by Congregation. (Tune, "Webb.")

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son.

(Verses 1, 2, 3.)

3 Male Voices. Theme: The Forty-second Psalm.

Minister reads Verse 1.

Choir: Verse 2. Tenor solo from Mendelssohn's Forty-second Psalm, No. 2.

Minister reads Verses 3, 4.

Choir: Verses 6, 7. Tenor solo from Mendelssohn's Forty-second Psalm, No. 5.

Minister reads Verses 6, 7.

Choir: Verse 8. Quartette. First strophe from Mendelssohn's Forty-second Psalm, No. 6.

Minister reads Verses 9, 10, 11.

Choir: Bass solo.

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills shall be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, nor the covenant of my peace be removed.

Is. 54: 10. Mendelssohn's Elijah, No. 37.

Hymn by Congregation. (Tune, "Woodworth.")

Just as I am without one plea.

(First four verses.)

4 Male Voices. Theme: The Glorified Christ. *Rev.* 1: 4–8.

Minister reads Verses 4, 5, 6.

Choir:

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

From Te Deum by E. S. Kimball, in Dow's Collection, page 55.

Minister reads Verse 7.

Choir:

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We pray thee therefore, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

From Te Deum by H. M. Dow, in Dow's Collection, page 79.

Minister reads Verse 8.

Choir: First Verse of Hymn, "Christ, above all glory seated."

Hymn by Congregation. (Tune, "Arnheim.")

Hosannah to the living Lord.

(Verses 1, 2, 5.)

5 Male Voices. Theme: The safety of the godly. *Psalm* 92.

Minister reads Verse 1.

Choir:

For he shall give his angels charge over thee; they shall protect thee in all the way thou goest.

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Minister reads Verses 2, 3, and 4.

Choir:

For the Lord is mindful of his own: he remembers his children.

Baritone solo from Mendelssohn's St. Paul.

Minister reads verses 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Choir:

Bow down before him ye mighty! for the Lord is near us.

Second part of above-named solo.

Minister reads verses 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Choir:

Yea, the Lord is mindful of his own.

Quartette, arranged by G. A. Lohr, from the last strophe of the solo.

Minister reads Verses 14, 15, and 16.

Choir:

I will lay me down in peace and sleep, for thou, O Lord, dost make me to dwell in safety.

Trio (Soprano, Tenor, and Baritone), by O. B. Brown.

Hymn by Congregation. (Tune, "Dennis.")

Still, still with thee, my God,
I would desire to be.

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